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THE NATIONAL GRANGE  
OF

# THE PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

TIPPECANOE CITY, OHIO

Aug 16 1907

M. S. J. Buck,  
Berlin Wis:

Dear Sir:

Yours of 14<sup>th</sup> at hand I am  
sending you Nat. Gr. proceedings of  
1902-3 & 6.

I have nothing in the  
Historical line except "Killey's  
History of the Grange" - This treats  
of the organization and growth  
up to about 1880.

S. E. Stode, Galion, O. is  
Secy of the Ohio State Grange now.  
Yours Resp  
C. M. Freeman,

Berlin, Wis., Aug. 19, 1907.

C. M. Freeman,

Sec. National Grange,

Tippecanoe City, Ohio.

Dear Sir:--

Yours of the 16th., stating that you have sent me the "Proceedings of the National Grange," as requested, is at hand.

I note what you have to say in regard to Kelley's "History of the Grange." I have a copy of a book by Mr. Kelley, published in 1875, entitled "History of the P. of H. from 1866—1873". If the Kelley's "History" which you mention contains anything in addition to this, I should like to procure a copy of it. <sup>It</sup> Will you kindly inform me concerning this?

Thanking you for the "Proceedings",

I am

Very truly yours,

*Solon J. Oriskany*

*You have the  
only Kelley's History.*

*C.M.F.*

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

COLORADO STATE GRANGE,

Patrons of Husbandry

Niwot, Colo. May 27 1907

Mr. B. H. Meyer,

School of Commerce, University of Wis.  
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your favor of 25<sup>th</sup> inst. will say - as the Patrons of Husbandry has not a strong organization in this state, we have not been instrumental in influencing legislation to any appreciable extent, either in Railway, or other matters; consequently we are unable to contribute anything in the way of reports, or clippings which would be of any benefit to you in your researches along this line.

We will be glad to send you, at any time, such reports, circulars, etc. as may come to our hands that would be of use to you and we will place your request on file in our mailing list.

Very truly yours  
Will T. Wilson

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State Grange of Illinois,

## Patrons of Husbandry,

SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Dunlap, Ill., May 24 1902

Mr B W Meyer

Madison Wis

Dear Sir

Replying to yours May 20, requesting documents relating to the early history and achievements of the grange. I am sorry to say that I don't seem to have what you ask in shape to send. I have the books of record of State Grange proceedings from date of organization in 1872, and at that early day in our organization the farmers were earnestly moving against the exactions of transportation companies, farm implement makers, middlemen, patent right impositions, unequal taxation &c. But these records I cannot send and it would be more of a job than I can handle to cull out and copy from the books. I have at times had printed documents outlining grange work in these lines, but have sent them out on call. Of course this is not satisfactory or helpful to you, and I wish I had matter to mail you. I suggest J. Woodman of Paw Paw Michigan, as a man who could probably help you out. He is a past Master of the National Grange, present Sec of the Ex Committee. Specially well posted on all grange matters, and is now running in the Grange Bulletin, Cincinnati Ohio, a series of articles on the early day history of the order. Very truly, Thos Keady

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

Frankfort, Ind., May 21 1902

B. H. Meyer <sup>esq</sup>

Yours of the 20<sup>th</sup> to hand, and  
have forwarded it to National Master  
Aaron Jones of South Bend Indiana who is  
also Master of The Indiana State Grange,  
believing you will be courteously  
treated (for we are the schools friend) I am  
very respectfully  
Taylor B. Frazier

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PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.

OFFICE OF WORTHY SECRETARY.

Lenox, Iowa, May 26 1902.

P. H. Meyer Esq.  
University of Wisconsin.  
Madison, Wis -

Dear Sir,

Yours Es<sup>th</sup> most -

I am sending you today "History of the  
Grange Movement" by E. W. Martin, which  
I trust may help you in your labors on this  
subject, will you please return when done with -

Yours very truly  
John Turner

Iowa  
Patrons of Hers

Co Bluffs, Ia <sup>(8)</sup> 7/21/07

Mr S. J. Buck.

Berlin, Wis.

Dear Sir:

Yours of 7-14

at hand. I am no longer  
Secretary of the State Grange  
of Iowa and the books and  
old records, containing the  
information you desire are  
not in my possession.

The present Secretary  
is Herman S. Shields, 400  
Benton St. Council Bluffs, Ia.

It is probable that he will  
give you the desired information  
concerning the Grange if you  
will communicate with him

Very truly yours,  
Walter R. Price

Berlin, Wis., Aug. 14, 1907.

Mr. E. H. Long,  
Sec. Missouri State Grange,  
Monticello, Missouri,

Dear Sir;-

*Returned*

In connection with a study of the Granger Movement which I have under-taken, I am anxious to locate as much material as I can relating to the subject. Proceedings of State Granges, files of Grange and Agricultural newspapers, circulars and resolutions of Granges and Farmers' Clubs, are especially desired, and I should deem it a favor if you will give me a general statement of documentary material of this sort you may have in your office. I am at present more immediately interested in the period prior to 1880 and would therefore like to have you indicate what parts of any material you may have, belong to this early period.

Further, will you kindly give me the address of any persons you may know, other than the Secretaries of the National and State Granges, who possess material of this sort, especially if it relates to the period prior to 1880?

This work is being done under the direction of Prof. Meyer of the Wisconsin Railroad Commission and Director of Bureau of Transportation of the Carnegie Institution, and I assure you that a reply from you will be duly appreciated by him as well as by myself.

Very truly yours,

*Solon J. Buck.*

University of Wisconsin,  
Madison, Wis.

School of Commerce;  
William A. Scott, Director.

*Nebr. State Grange*

May 20, 1902.

Mr. J.R. Cantlin,  
Secretary, State Grange,  
Webster, Nebr.

Dear Sir:

For several years the need of a full collection of documents and reports relating to the Granger movement has been keenly felt by those of our students who have attempted to study the influence of the movement on taxation, transportation, etc. At present I am trying to trace out the influence of the Patrons of Husbandry on railway legislation throughout the United States, but find the material in libraries both East and West entirely inadequate. Will you not have the kindness to send me reports, circulars, newspaper clippings, or any other material throwing light upon the history and scope of the work of the Granger movement, especially in your own State? You may rest assured that whatever you may have the kindness to do will be thoroughly appreciated by me personally and also by the University of Wisconsin.

I am

Very respectfully yours,

*B.A. Meyer*

*Dear Sir*

*I would be pleased to assist you but our State Grange has been dead for 3 years*  
*Respectfully*  
*J.R. Cantlin*

Berlin, Wis., Aug. 14, 1907.

Returned  
noted  
Mr. J. R. Cantlin,  
Sec. Nebraska State Grange,  
Webster, Nebraska,

Dear Sir:-

In connection with a study of the Granger Movement which I have undertaken, I am anxious to locate as much material as I can relating to the subject. Proceedings of State Granges and files of Grange and other Agricultural newspapers, circulars and resolutions of Granges and Farmers' Clubs, are especially desired, and I should deem it a favor if you will give me a general statement of what documentary material of this sort you may have in your office. I am at present more especially interested in the period prior to 1880 and would therefore like to have you indicate what parts of any material you may have, belong to this early period.

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Very truly yours,

Solon J. Buck.

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# NEW YORK STATE GRANGE, P. of H.

MEMBERSHIP 60,000.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

*Skaneateles, N. Y., 5 / 23* ..... 1902.

Mr. B. H. Meyer  
Madison Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Your communication of the 20th inst is recieved and noted.

As to Rail Road legislation there has never been any thing of note done by our Order in this State, other matters have been considered with a good deal of success.

I am sending you a copy of the Journal of Proceedings of our last session, and ask you to make special note of the report of our Legislative Committee, I also send some circulars and addresses that we have sent out from time to time to our people,

One of the important things that we have been engaged in, but one that you will not be materially interested in except to note the result of concerted action, is the Erie Canal question, this we have successfully combatted so far, and it has been done by persistent work, the enclosed address was sent out from Albany at a time when it looked as if we had been beaten, and the result was such a storm of letters and resolutions coming to the Governor and members, that the matter was laid upon the table.

The Report of our Committee on Assessment and Taxation was also used to prevent a most disastrous piece of proposed legislation.

We did a similar work on the Gout Bill and the Sherman False Branding Bill and feel well pleased with the results.

Very Truly Yours

*W. N. Giles*

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Cleveland, O. June 28/02

B. N. Meyer,  
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:

We are glad to mail to you copies of The Ohio Farmer containing Mr. S. N. Ellis's History of the Grange in Ohio. You will find the articles in our Grange department. They are not finished - really only fairly commenced, and will continue probably through the whole of the current year. Shall we pub

your <sup>name</sup> on our subscription list that you  
may receive the remainder of the series  
as they appear. Their appearance will  
be somewhat intermittent as past ex-  
perience has shown that our Trauge  
page space is far too limited to  
permit their regular appearance when  
other interests and communications  
press for attention of the Trauge public.

Very truly,

Harriet Mason Trauge &

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C. M. Freeman, Sec'y, Tippecanoe City, Ohio.  
S. E. Strode, Lecturer, Westland, O.



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Freight and Express Office, Brown's Station, Ohio.

Telegraph and Money Order Office, New Carlisle, Ohio.

Tippecanoe City, Ohio, May 23 1902

Mr. B. N. Meyer  
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir: I send you some Ohio proceedings. We have no published history of the Grange in Ohio. Past State Mas. S. H. Ellis has been writing a series of articles on the grange in Ohio - from its origin up to date. These are being published by the Ohio Farmer of Cleveland, O. They might be able to furnish you duplicate copies if same.

Yours Resp  
C. M. Freeman

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= Secretary =

# Oregon State Grange

MULINO, CLACKAMAS COUNTY, OREGON.

Make all Money Orders Payable at Oregon City.

..... *June 22* - 1902 ..... 189

*B. H. Meyer*  
*Madison Wisconsin.*

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of May 20th was received in due time and contents noted. In reply will say that I delayed to answer hoping to find some material in the office bearing on some of the topics you mention, but have not succeeded as yet in finding such information as you desire. I realize the deficiency in our grange literature that you mention. The grange both East and West has done much good, and I believe the results in many cases will be of lasting benefit to the farming classes, but I am sorry to say that the records of the work of the "Patrons of Husbandry" has not been properly kept, and the Order does not receive credit (only in a general way) for their efforts in the line of reduction in taxation, transportation &c.

Regretting that I can not furnish desired information  
 I am respectfully  
 Mary S. Howard  
 Sec'y Oregon State Grange.

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 Patrons of Husbandry.

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Thompsontown, Penn'a., May 22 1902.

Mr. B. C. Meyer.  
 Madison, Wis.  
 Dear Sir - Replying to your favor of the  
 20<sup>th</sup> inst. I regret very much that  
 I can furnish you but little in the  
 line you request. I do not have many  
 reports on hand except those on file  
 in the office. I will send you what  
 I can find hands on and would  
 suggest that you write to Mr. John  
 Crumble, 544 F. St. Washington, D.C.  
 He is Sec. of the National Grange  
 and may have some matter that he  
 can send you. In our own state  
 no one has been more active in  
 legislative matters than Hon. Leonard  
 Rhone of Centre Hall, Pa. For 18 years  
 he was at the head of the organization in  
 the state and is still a member of the  
 Legislative Committee. It might be well for

you to write to him.

Respectfully  
J. T. Selman

**CO-OPERATIVE GRANGE STORE,**

W. A. JAMES, Manager.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN

— *East Grange, S. C.*  
~~General Merchandise.~~*S. C. State Grange**Bishopville, S. C., May 24<sup>th</sup> 1902**Mr B. H. Meyers*

In answer to your favor of 20<sup>th</sup> inst we will state we find ~~only~~ the enclosed resolution has been the only effort made by the Grange in this State in quite which in the direction you indicate. The result and memo are also enclosed.

*Very truly**W. A. James**East Grange, S. C.*

Our Grail Assembly meets in Jan'y each year & instead of annulling, the Corrs requested the Grail assembly to empower them by enactment to draw rules concerning this storage matter & it was granted and the enclosed rules which are entirely satisfactory to us, are the result of that vested authority. —

*D. B. State Grange*

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26 Grays Hall,

Cambridge, Mass.,

March 12, 1908.

Mr. W. A. James,

Bishopville,

South Carolina,

Dear Sir:-

Your postal card has just reached me. I left the minute book which you loaned me with the American Bureau of Industrial Research in Madison with the understanding that it should be returned to you before March 1, unless some other arrangement could be made in the meantime. I have just written them requesting them to give this their immediate attention, and you will undoubtedly receive the book from them shortly. Thanking you for your kindness in making this loan, and regretting very much that there should have been any delay in returning the book, I am,

Very truly yours,

26 Grays Hall,

Cambridge, Mass.,

March 12, 1908.

Mr. W. A. James,

Bishopville,

South Carolina,

Dear Sir:-

Your postal card has just been forwarded to me. I  
left the minute book with the Ameri

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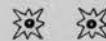
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H. R. MORGAN, Pleasant Valley, Wis.



Appleton, Wis. June 20th 1906

Mr. Solon J. Buck

Berlin Wisconsin

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 19th received today, in reply will say that if an institution at Washington wants to study the movement of the Grange, I would not advise them to go to one of the weakest Grange states in the Union but go to some of the stronger ones like the Castles State and our Sister State Mich. where the Grange is very strong.

I have quite a large number of the proceedings of the different states, but from very few do I have complete files.

All files in Bro. Huxley's hands at his death were turned over to me and I have hardly looked them over well enough so I can tell you what I have.

If you would want to see them it would be necessary for you to come out to my farm, as the little office work there is done in this state is done right there.

Yours Truly

GEO. R. SCHAEFER.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

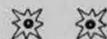
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Appleton, Wis. June 28th 1906

Mr. Solon J. Buck.

Berlin Wis.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of the 25th, will say that my farm is not located near any suburban line, it is on the road going from Appleton to Medina, it is eight miles west of Appleton, on the Medina road, near Louis Schultze's Black Smith Shop, if you start out this road and inquire every body will tell you.

Yours Respectfully

Geo. R. Schaefer.

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West Virginia State Grange

P. OF H.

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H. C. SKINNER, Pliny  
 MILTON BURR, Bardane

Morgantown, W. Va., Nov. 6th 1913

Prof. S. J. Beck,  
 Urbana, Illinois.

Dear Sir:— Your favor Oct. 27th to hand. I have just written the Harvard University Press thanking them for the copy of "Grange's Movement" which they sent me at your request. I have read it carefully and I am surprised at the enormous amount of work you have done upon it. No future <sup>writing</sup> of Grange history will fail to make large use of your work. The period from 1840 to 1875 marks the "struggli" period of the Grange. From that time to the present covers a period of revival along sane and conservative lines. I wish that you might cover them to later periods as carefully as you did the 1870-'80 period.

My son-in-law E. W. Sheets, Lecturer W. Va. State Grange, is a Graduate Student at Urbana, 903 Gregory Street. I am sure he would like to meet you. Cordially yours, T. C. Atkeson

Chart illustrating the development of the order of Patrons of Husbandry from May, 1873 to October, 1876. - Based on the number of granges per hundred thousand of population engaged in agriculture.

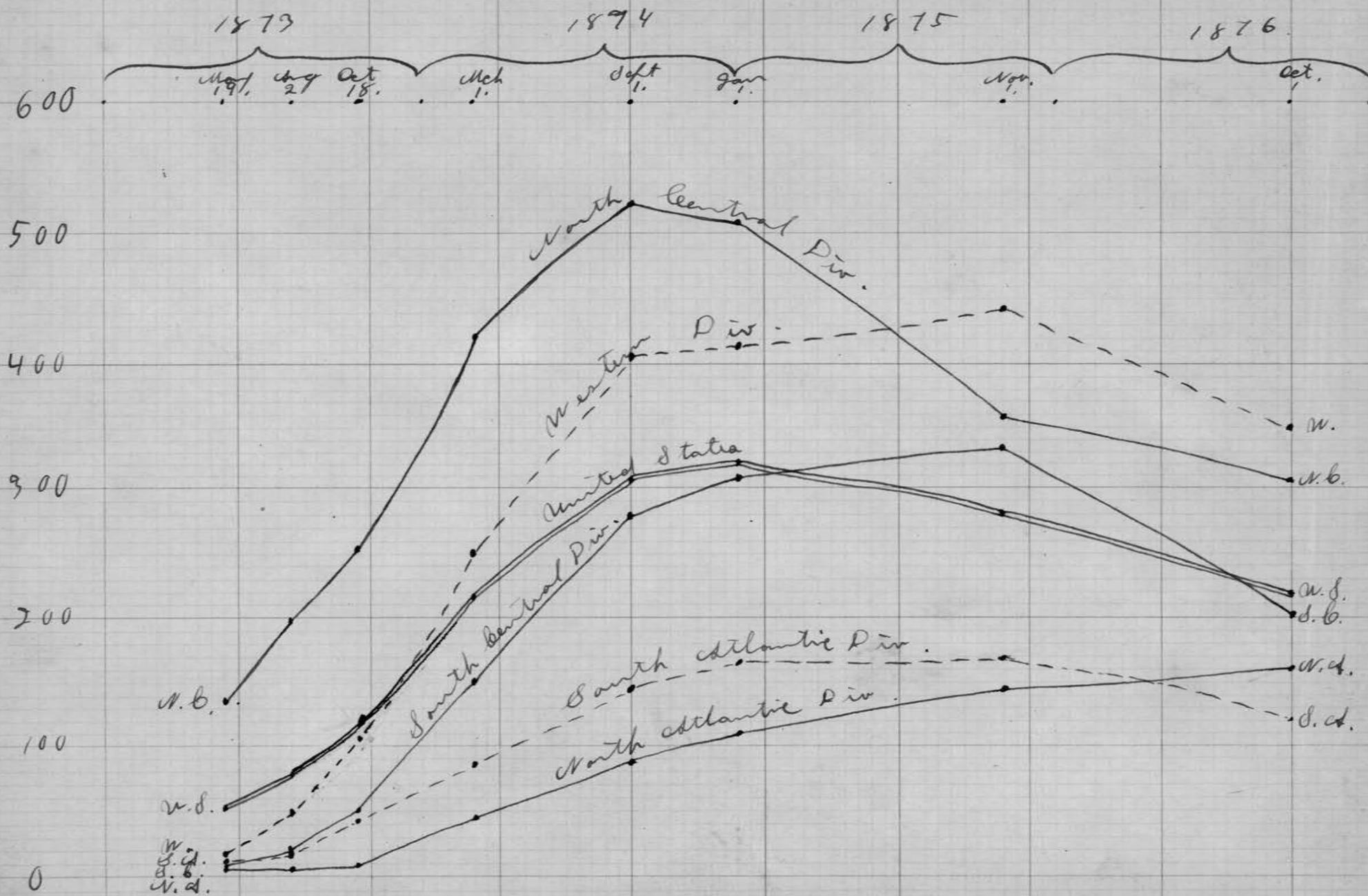


Chart I for Chap. II.

GRANGE ORGANS.

The newspaper agencies inform us that newspapers with a nominal capital of \$8,000,000 have come to naught since the panic of 1873. The new papers arising to take their places, in the West at least, seem to be largely disposed to announce themselves, even in their titles, as taking the side of the grange. A rehearsal of the most prominent grange organs by States will do much to open the eyes of the people to the magnitude of this movement.

It is an interesting fact that scarcely any grange papers are published this side of the Alleghany Mountains, and there are very many more in the South than in New England. In all Down East I find no manifest grange organ, and only two or three public workingmen's papers. It is said that many of the mill owners will discharge a hand who persists in taking a paper devoted exclusively to the interests of that class.

New York has apparently no grange papers, except a sort of price current in this city, unless the Elmira Husbandman is of that sort. New Jersey had the Vineland Independent, calling itself the New Jersey Granger last year, but the bullet that entered Uri Carruth's brain drove the "hay seed" out of his, hair. Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and West Virginia content themselves with two grange papers - the Farmers' Friend and Chesapeake Granger. Virginia has the Virginia Patron.

South Carolina rears the standard in the Rock Hill Grange, Georgia has the Georgia Grange at Atlanta. Mississippi has the Columbus Patron of Husbandry the Jackson Vindicator, and the Canton Mail Grange. Louisiana has the Co-operative News and the Son of the Soil. Texas has the Texas Patron at Crockett. Arkansas has the Weekly Grange at Little Rock. Tennessee has the The Southern Granger at Jackson, the Grange Outlook at Knoxville, and the Independent Workingman at Nashville. Missouri has the Missouri Granger at Macon, Missouri Farmer at Boonville, Colman's Rural at St. Louis, Western Granger at Harville, Journal of Commerce, Kansas City, and Patron of Husbandry, Savannah. Kansas has the Kansas Farmer, Topeka; Standard of Reform, Lawrence; Farmers Advocate, Salina, and the Spirit of Kansas, Newbraska has the Nemaha Granger and the Salem Grange Review. Wisconsin has the Wisconsin Granger at Madison, and the Wisconsin Bulletin. Minnesota has the Anti-Monopolis- at St. Paul, and the Grange Advance. Iowa has the Patrons' Helper at Des Moines. Michigan has the National Grange, Detroit; the Northern Granger Owasso. Illinois has the Industrial Age and the Workingmen's Advocate, Chicago; the Appeal, Bloomington, and the Illinois Granger, Macomb, Indiana has the Sun and the Indiana Farmer, the Housier Patron and Lady Granger, Indianapolis; the Western Granger, Lafayette; the Jay County Granger, Portland, and the Grange, Terre Haute. Ohio has the Sunday Times, Cleveland; the Patrons' Advance, Batavia; the American Patron Findlay; the Grange Visitor, Springfield; Union and Patron Urbana, and the Grange Bulletin,

Cincinnati. Oregon has the Ogle County Grange; the Oregon Granger, Albany; Williamette Farmer, Salem, and the Eugene City Guard. California has the Pacific Rural.

All these papers are known to be earnest advocates of the Patrons of Husbandry, but there are scores more not thoroughly identified with the order, but working for it. In fact it is getting customary for nearly all the Western country papers to devote a column or two to grange matters.

A TREMENDOUS CONSTITUENCY.

When one considers the fact that religious, Masonic, and other mutual aid societies, established for many years in this country, only support two or three organs apiece, it becomes apparent that an order that is a ready supporting and giving tone to several score papers must have a tremendous membership and a strong hold on the popular affections.

There is a singular difference between the organs of the movement in different States. In Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, and Missouri, they are so taken up, as a general thing, with letters, speeches, and arguments in favor of green back currency, that they have not room for many grange particulars. In the Northwest, the original seat of the movement, they are still hard at work in their anti-monopoly fight with railroads. Indeed, the people of this country, as a general rule, seem to think that grangerism simply means war against rail road extortions. In Pennsylvania, on the other hand, the Farmers' Friend has been all summer forcibly illustrating the practical character of the Pennsylvania Dutch and Quakers. Its columns

have been full of letters describing picnics the which have been held all over the State. At first I was rather annoyed at these seeming vain repetitions, but soon a different view presented itself. These letters showed a truly marvellous advance; for whereas a dozen years ago writers and speakers were advocating in vain to the most advanced communities the benefits of co-operation, here now were thousands of the old conservative Pennsylvania Dutch farmers throwing themselves heartily into the work of an order, the chief feature of which is co-operative buying and selling by producers.

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