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**NORTH CAROLINA STATE GRANGE PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.**

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
 FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.,  
 April 27th, 1874.

**[CIRCULAR NO. 8.]**

It is hereby officially announced that the Worthy Master and Executive Committee, in conjunction with Virginia State Grange, for the benefit of both States, have appointed the following named Worthy Brothers to act as business agents for our Order in their respective cities, viz:

J. W. LEWELLEN, at Richmond, Va.  
 W. B. WESTBROOK, at Petersburg, Va.  
 It is contemplated by the same authority to appoint an Agent at Norfolk, Va., (whenever a suitable person is selected,) of which due notice will be given.  
 G. W. LAWRENCE,  
 Secretary.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
 FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., May 1st, 1874.

**[CIRCULAR NO. 9.]**

The Secretary of every Subordinate Grange in N. C. is hereby requested to at once furnish the Postmaster of the Postoffice from which he receives his mail matter, with his name and the number of his Grange, so that the documents now being sent and hereafter to be sent from the office of the National Grange may be properly and promptly delivered, as these packages are addressed to the Secretary by the number of his Grange only, without giving the name of the Secretary. Whenever a new Secretary is elected, it should be his first duty to attend to this matter. This arrangement is made necessary for the reason that many Granges are continually changing their Secretaries without reporting the change to this office.  
 The same plan may be adopted by this office in future business with Secretaries.  
 G. W. LAWRENCE, Secretary.

**Extract from the Address of the National Grange.**

"We emphatically and sincerely assert the oft-repeated truth taught in our organic law that the Grange, National, State, or subordinate—is not a political or party organization. No Grange, if true to its obligation, can discuss political questions, nor call political conventions, nor nominate candidates, nor even discuss their merits in their meetings."

—Patrons, beware of politics and politicians!

—Ten thousand blank applications for membership for sale at this office. Only 75 cents per hundred.

**Patrons to the Rescue!**

The following circular suggests to the Patrons of Husbandry of North Carolina the discharge of a duty which we doubt not, will be promptly and cheerfully performed. We copy elsewhere a late dispatch from Memphis to the New York Herald, which contains samples of messages that are now coming from all parts of the Mississippi delta.

**SPECIAL CIRCULAR.**

N. C. STATE GRANGE, P. OF H.,  
 SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Fayetteville, May 12, 1874.  
 To the Master of each and every Subordinate Grange:

WORTHY BROTHER:—You will please call the attention of your Grange, as soon as possible, to this circular, issued for a special benevolent purpose.

Our Worthy Master has just received the following telegram:

"Great destruction among agriculturists in overflowed districts. Many Patrons houseless and penniless. Make our necessities known. Forward contributions to me as speedily as possible.  
 Fraternally,  
 H. W. L. LEWIS,  
 Master Louisiana State Grange."

BROTHER PATRONS:—It is unnecessary for me to make any appeal to your generosity in a case like this. It is sufficient to "make known" to you the necessities of our suffering brothers in Louisiana. They have the right to expect sympathy and aid from their brothers in more favored lands.

Remember your obligations as Patrons of Husbandry and act accordingly. Send your contributions by Granges to me as speedily as possible, and I will forward the same as fast as received. Will acknowledge receipts by publication in our organ, the STATE AGRICULTURAL JOURNAL. Remit by Postoffice Order, Registered Letter, Check or Draft.

Fraternally,  
 G. W. LAWRENCE,  
 Secretary.

**The Leaders of the Grange Movement.**

We have read in a Northern exchange a very complimentary account of O. H. Kelly, the National Secretary of the Patrons of Husbandry. It is stated in that narrative, that Mr. Kelley, at the close of the war, was one of the commissioners of the Department of Agriculture, sent to the South to examine into the condition of farming interests. One thing must have impressed all Southern members of the Order, of which this distinguished gentleman was the founder, that in all his official intercourse with our Granges, he has manifested the most enlarged and liberal spirit, as well as the most courteous temper, and has endeared himself to our people by his scrupulous consideration of their agricultural wants. We believe that the only other national officer who has had any communication with Southern Patrons, is Mr. Thompson, the National Lecturer. He was present at the last session of the North Carolina State Grange, and not only made many personal friends, but greatly elevated the Order in the confidence and esteem of all right thinking persons. Though setting up no pretensions as a popular speaker, and putting on no airs of intellectual superiority or greatness, he nevertheless clearly exhibited a thorough knowledge of his duties, and magnified his office by his fidelity, earnestness and zeal. And we will venture to affirm, that when he left North Carolina, there was not a single member of the Order, who did not wish he would visit us again. The opinion of our excellent Master, Dr. Mills, who attended the meeting of the National Grange, in St. Louis, fully endorses all the National officers as gentlemen of the same broad, liberal character.

The conclusion, which is most conspicuous in this connection, and which reflects the largest credit upon the Order is, that the leaders of this Grange movement, though nearly all of them Northern men, have the fullest appreciation of Southern rights, and Southern interests, and are thoroughly unsectional and unpolitical. In times like the present, when so many bitter animosities are still alive in the country, it shows the unselfish vitality and wonderful unity of the Patrons of Husbandry, that the association can lift itself above all sectional quarrels and feuds, and devote itself exclusively to the promotion of the public good. And we confidently ask, where can another body of leaders be found so entirely separated from all disturbing issues, and so completely given up to propagate the principles of their Order. If there was not another argument for the multiplication of Granges, and not another appeal which would be made to the agricultural intelligence of the land, this of itself ought to be sufficient to recommend the institution to every farmer in the nation.

**"Every Factory, Every Shop a Granger's Store."**

As a friend of the Grange movement, we have uniformly warned all persons joining it not to expect too much of the order. We have steadily pointed to its social and intellectual advantages in commendation of it; and have said that, as a business organization, it was a co-partnership of information merely. The jobbers or wholesale dealers of the country, have been claiming that all sorts of manufactured articles and goods should pass from the factory to them before reaching the consumer, and leave a commission or profit in their hands. The Grange teaches that the jobber has no right to this profit if the manufacturer and consumer can manage to deal with each other without the jobber's intervention. This direct communication between producer and consumer, has in many instances worked admirably. We always see with regret, any notice of the appointment of a Grange merchant or business agent. We would as quickly patronize an agent or merchant not appointed by the Granges as to entrust our business to one so heralded to the world. It is not particular men we are trying to be rid of; it is the tax required to sustain a certain business of which we want to be relieved. There are as honorable and fair dealing commission merchants, who will never be named as Grange agents as any who will get such appointments. And men will seek those appointments from the Grange and doubtless sometimes get them who are as rapacious and unreliable as any middleman has yet been found.

We have been intending, sometime, to say a few words on this subject, and to-day seeing the following letter, (written we be-

lieve, by a large manufacturer of plows,) we determined to give it to our readers with our full endorsement. We repeat, let every factory, every shop, be a Grange store, and let the Grange as a body, have none others. Let the farmer be his own merchant, as far as possible, educated, informed, instructed by the Grange to think and act for, and to protect himself without any middleman.

**ARE GRANGE STORES A MONOPOLY.**

Ed. Southern Agriculturist:

DEAR SIR:—I wish to trespass upon your valuable space once more in giving your readers the views of one who has been watching the farmers' movement (the Granges) since its first advent into the country. I have read everything that I could find that would give me any information concerning it and its principles, and I must say, that if carried out upon the principles, as I understand them to be, it is calculated to do a great deal of good, and I am in favor of the movement, but I fear that in certain quarters the order is making some serious movements that in my judgment will injure them. It is this: if I understand the principles and objects of the order, it is to do away with middlemen, and make war upon all monopolies. That is all right and proper. But is this being done now? We hear of resolutions being passed, and committees appointed by Granges to make arrangements with certain parties to keep a Grangers' store or stores, to purchase and sell to them on certain conditions. In my judgment this is a great mistake. By such a move, you may make a ten strike at the dealers it is true, but establish a monopoly, a special monopoly, throwing your whole trade into the hands of one man, who, so soon as he has all other monopolies or dealers out of his way, will then have your order under his control. No sir, I am opposed to all such moves. Every factory, every shop, should be a Grangers' store.

When your order first started, you were hooted at, and many manufacturers refused to sell to you. How is it now? Some men are yielding their prejudices and soliciting your trade. There is not a sensible manufacturer in the country but must see that his refusal to sell to the Granges would utterly ruin his business. He must sell to the farmers; consequently there will be a rivalry amongst the manufacturers as to who shall produce the best article and offer it to the Granges upon the best terms. Every Granger having the privilege of purchasing from whom he pleases. Then why establish in every town or county, one grand middleman, with power to control a whole district, and require manufacturers to sell to him, and he to the Granger. Is that bringing the producer and consumer nearer together as you propose?

Let the farmer go to the manufacturer or mechanic and say to him we are farmers and Patrons of Husbandry; not dealers; we want your wagon, plow, or whatever it may be; what are your least terms? He will tell you; if his prices do not suit, you can go to another and another, until you find a man that will deal with you as a farmer, upon the same terms that he would with a dealer. But if you establish this one grand agent, you will be compelled to pay him whatever he asks. You will have no other to go to, for you have killed all the other dealers. You can't go to the manufacturer because you have pledged yourselves to purchase from the agent you have appointed. Thus by such a course you will compel the manufacturer to sell his goods to this grand monopoly that you have established, at a greater discount than he sells to Granges. It is not supposable that he will sell to the Granges at the same price he paid for them. Then why not stick to the principles you started out upon, to deal with the manufacturer or producer in every particular? The writer of this is a friend to the farmers' movement and would do anything in his power to aid the cause, if carried out as intended. But if it is the intention to force the manufacturers of this country to yield to the demands of a few appointed agents, then I am opposed to it, and I fear that such a course by the Granges will greatly damage the cause.  
 T. E. C. BRINLY.

—Bro. G. W. Lawrence, Worthy Secretary of our State Grange, informs us that the following brothers have been added to the list of Special Deputies:

Rev. M. J. Hunt, Franklinton,  
 Dr. E. H. Jones, Lake Comfort, Hyde co.  
 T. H. Gilliam, Hertford, Perquimans co.

**Resolutions of Respect by New Hope Grange No. 113.**

The undersigned, appointed a committee to report proceedings in memory of our beloved brother, John W. Pinchback, late Chaplain of this Grange, respectfully submit the following:

Brother Pinchback departed this life on the 30th day of March last after a painful illness of several months, in the 66th year of his age.

His anxiety to further the interests of his community made him among the foremost

in all laudable enterprizes. So when the Grange movement reached this section of the country, he became one of its strongest advocates, and joined this, the first one organized in this county, and was elected chaplain, which position he held till his death. He was many years a pillar in the M. E. Church South, and in his last wandering moments, his mind seemed clear on two subjects—religion and the Grange. In view of these things, be it

Resolved, That we make this affliction an occasion of renewing our humble acknowledgments to our Great Father, who giveth wise and good men to the world for the uplifting of mankind.

Resolved, That in the death of our worthy chaplain, we feel that his church, his family, our Grange and community, have each sustained a loss long to be remembered.

Resolved, That we tender to his beloved family our heartfelt sympathy.

Resolved, That these proceedings be spread upon the Secretary's book, and a copy sent to his family, and also to each, the Milton Chronicle and STATE AG'L JOURNAL for publication.

S. S. LEA,  
 GEO. W. CHANDLER, } Com.  
 JNO. R. WINSTON,  
 Caswell Co., May 1, 1874.

**11th day of May in Raleigh.**

The hallowed tribute of respect and memorial love to our Confederate dead was participated in and witnessed by a large assemblage of citizens—old and young, mothers, maidens and children—at the annual decoration solemnities in Oakwood Cemetery, on Monday last, the 11th inst. The day was propitious and lovely. The soft breath of pertumed Spring diffused her spirit to enliven devotion for the sacred duties of the occasion.

Our space will not admit of a literal or extended report of the entire exercises, but we let a brief summary in substance suffice. The programme was carried out with a promptness befitting the time, and at 5 o'clock the concourse of willing hearts and gentle hands had assembled and the ceremonies of the day commenced by the chanting, in tones clear and emotional, a solemn ode, by professed amateurs from several of our city choirs. The Chaplain, Rev. J. M. Atkinson, then invoked the Throne of Grace, in earnest appeal and petition; after which, the Chief Marshal, J. M. Tate, Esq., introduced the Orator, Gen. W. R. Cox, in short but appropriate words.

Gen. Cox occupied the attention of his hearers in a speech, of about thirty minutes duration, which was alike creditable to the head and the heart of the speaker.

We trust that our future floral offerings to the dead will be marked particularly by the presence of our country people, thousands of whom were heroic and brave defenders of Southern soil, and whose hearts still beat in unison and sympathy with the memory of their comrades in death.

**N. C. Press Association.**

The second annual session of the North Carolina Press Association, which convened in this city, on Tuesday morning last, was largely attended and a spirit of harmony characterized the entire deliberations of the body. The many courtesies (of which we have not space to speak in detail) extended to the Press Convention by our citizens were highly appreciated and greatly enjoyed.

The editorial fraternity, and a number of invited guests, will leave the city this morning for an excursion to Haw River, where they will be entertained by Col. T. M. Holt, President of the N. C. Agricultural Society, whose agreeable and hospitable nature is sufficiently well known to guarantee the excursionists a most cordial reception at his hands.

**Sunday School Excursion.**

On Thursday, the 7th inst., the two Methodist Sunday Schools of this city, with teachers, parents, and the pastors of the two Methodist Churches, enjoyed an excursion to Kittrell's Springs.

The Citizen's Cornet Band furnished music, and speeches were made by Rev. Messrs. Mangum and Cole, and by Messrs. Ennis, Arendell and Theo. N. Ramsay.

The train carried six hundred persons and returned to the city about sunset. These May pic-nics of Sunday Schools are getting to be a national institution. Long may the institution be preserved.

**Pamphlets Received.**

We acknowledge reception from the Commissioner of Agriculture of the monthly report for April and May of the Department of Agriculture, and will probably have occasion hereafter to notice it more extensively.

We have received, also, the proceedings of the Seventh Session of the National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry.