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From Washington Echo, Green's

At a recent meeting of the above Grange, the Worthy Master, John C. Gorham, made the following practical remarks, which were happily received:

Grange opened in due form Saturday, May 1st, 1875. The Master called attention to the proceedings of the North Carolina State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry; and while it shows that the great truths taught by the Patrons of Husbandry are appreciated by many of the Order, yet they also revealed the fact that we lack co-operation and education. In our own county farmers, as a class, seem to be ignorant of the great benefit of co operation. We should feel no delicacy in declaring, as a fact, that we lack information. Let us realize this truth, and endeavor to improve. We are not wanting in numbers or means; and the reason why we are "the pack-horse for all parties and the scape-goat for speculators," is our own fault. It is unmanly for us to be whining and finding fault with others, while we have the means and native ability among ourselves to place our profession where it properly belongs—in the front rank. Let us then carry out the principles of our order, which encourage education; and those who follow us on the stage of life will be prepared for their duty to whatever position they may be assigned. It is with sorrow that we have to admit that farmers can furnish but few men whose minds are fitted to organize great enterprises. Look at our legislative assemblies. We find in them many farmers, and when they come in contact with men of close reasoning, they generally prove wanting. Now if we wish to be placed into positions of trust and honor, and where we can benefit our brother farmers, we must prepare ourselves by education, and learn the fact that we must furnish some brains.

While in our Granges, if true to ourselves, we do not discuss politics. We are taught that no one, by becoming a Patron of Husbandry, gives up that inalienable right and duty, which belongs to every American citizen, to take a proper interest in the politics of his country. On the contrary, it is right for every American citizen, to take a proper

interest in the politics of his country. On the contrary, it is right for every member to do all in his power, legitimately, to influence for good the action of any political party to which he may belong.

We have heard it remarked that in our approaching election, in selecting a candidate for Convention, we would have to take into consideration the fact that farmers, as a class, are prejudiced against lawyers. We believe that the world pays homage to intelligence, and puts men who possess it in places of honor and trust. Let us then not war upon any profession, but see that none but competent, faithful and honest men, who will stand by our industrial pursuits, are nominated. If we find such a man in the legal profession, and he should be nominated, let us cheerfully support him, and show to the world we can rise above prejudice, being impressed with the truth that

"God in the nature of each being founds
Its proper bliss, and sets its proper bounds,
But as he framed the whole, the whole to
bless
On mutual wants built mutual happiness,
So from the first eternal order ran,
And creature linked to creature, man to man."

After the conclusion of Mr. Gorham's speech the following gentlemen rendered the annexed

REPORTS FOR 1874:

Mr. R. T. Hodges reported that he had been successful in raising oats the past year, having had about ten acres in cultivation. He thought they yielded at least 40 bushels per acre, and considers it the most valuable crop he plants, taking into consideration the cost of cultivation. He stated, in answer to questions, that he had used about 160 pounds of Peruvian Guano as a fertilizer. He stated further that he used the Watt Plow, and thinks it a very good one; also, the 18, and, for some things, finds it an excellent plow.

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JOHN C. GORHAM, W. M.
R. T. HODGES, Secretary.

We think that the effect of independent journalism has really been to render it fashionable—not to be, but to seem—honest. And that is all it has done. It has made a fashion of that which never can be genuine as a fashion, and which, as a fashion, must inevitably fade and change. It has induced rogues and hypocrites to disguise themselves, and to go about canting of their superior virtues.—*Sacramento Union, (Rep.)*

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