

PREAMBLE.

HUMAN happiness is the acme of earthly ambition. Individual happiness depends upon general prosperity.

The prosperity of a nation is in proportion to the value of its productions.

The soil is the source from whence we derive all that constitutes wealth; without it we would have no agriculture, no manufactures, no commerce. Of all the material gifts of the Creator, the various productions of the vegetable world are of the first importance. The art of agriculture is the parent and precursor of all arts, and its products, the foundation of all wealth.

The productions of the earth are subject to the influence of natural laws, invariable and indisputable; the amount produced will consequently be in proportion to the intelligence of the producer, and success will depend upon his knowledge of the action of these laws, and the proper application of their principles.

Hence, knowledge is the foundation of happiness.

The ultimate object of this organization is for mutual instruction and protection, to lighten labor by diffusing a knowledge of its aims and purposes, expand the mind by tracing the beautiful laws the Great Creator has established in the Universe, and to enlarge our views of Creative wisdom and power.

To those who read aright, history proves that in all ages society is fragmentary, and successful results of general welfare can be secured only by general effort. Unity of action cannot be acquired without discipline, and discipline cannot be enforced without significant organization; hence we have a ceremony of initiation which binds us in

mutual fraternity as with a band of iron; but although its influence is so powerful, its application is as gentle as that of the silken thread that binds a wreath of flowers.

The Patrons of Husbandry consist of the following:

ORGANIZATION.

SUBORDINATE GRANGES.

First Degree: Laborer (man), Maid (woman).

Second Degree: Cultivator (man), Shepherdess (woman).

Third Degree: Harvester (man), Gleaner (woman).

Fourth Degree: Husbandman (man), Matron (woman).

STATE GRANGE.

SECTION I. *Fifth Degree*. Pomona—(Hope). Composed of the Masters and Past Masters of subordinate Granges, and their wives who are Matrons; provided that Past Masters, and their wives who are Matrons, shall be honorary members, eligible to office, but not entitled to vote; and provided that when the number of Subordinate Granges in any State becomes so great as to render it necessary, the State Grange may, in such manner as it may determine, reduce its representatives by providing for the election of a certain proportion of those entitled to membership in the State Grange from each county, and the members so chosen shall constitute the voting members of the State Grange.

SEC. 2. There may be established District or County Granges in the fifth degree, not to exceed one in each county, composed of Masters and Past-Masters of Subordinate Granges, and their wives, who are Matrons, and such fourth-degree members as may be elected thereto by the Subordinate Granges, under such regulations as