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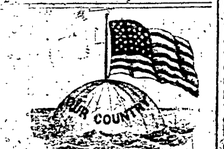

"Be just and fear not;
Let all the ends thou aim'st at be thy country's,
Thy God's and truth's."

BUSINESS MEN FOR CONGRESS, &c.

The long-winded speeches in Congress, and general talking without scarcely any action on the questions of the day, are inducing the cry of a suffering people to send only business men to Congress, and let the lawyers, demagogues and ignoramuses stay at home. The "Protectionist" of New York is growing in unison with the sentiments of the masses of business men of the country in penning the following article:

"An encouraging symptom of our times, is the willingness of our business men to take upon themselves their true rightful position as members of the opinion that shapes our laws, if not more directly forming the laws themselves. This has been shown very distinctly in the admirable action of merchants, manufacturers, &c., from all parts of the country, who assembled at the National Board of Trade last week; in this city. From more than a dozen States, from New York and Boston to Charleston and St. Paul,—Three hundred men, representative men from their several Boards of Chambers of Commerce met to frame resolutions to be submitted to our legislators to pass into laws—such men as were well posted in the matters submitted to them: for all the prominent questions had for some months previous, been sent to them from the Executive Council of the National Board, and which, having been considered by the local Boards, each delegate was imbued with the spirit and matured thought of his constituents. They were representative men, selected for their fitness and ability, their mode of discussion was a model for all deliberate bodies. They spoke in their own language, direct to the matter in hand, and without a word being repeated or lost. They spoke as men accustomed to weigh, and measure by figures understood. There was not a moment nor a word lost. There was no gallery to applaud, no excited public to cajole, no lobbyists to confound. Not a single speech uttered in those six days was addressed to the people, but to the point in hand, and each other. Hence it was that our Boards of Trade have become the most powerful bodies in the country. Their decisions are looked for as the utterances of the first financial authorities, and their resolutions are the first steps of the first men of business in the country, from all of whom nothing but the soundest and most practical measures can be looked for. Their resolutions are the result of the most thorough discussion by men who are not only practical, but who are familiar with the principles of political economy, and who have had the widest experience in the application of those principles to the business of life.