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THE PARTY WILL FIGHT FOR PROTECTION ALL THE TIME.

It Will Be Found Always Striving to Keep American Wage Earners Provided With Steady and Remunerative Employment.

The protection Republicans—and they number 99 per cent of the party without doubt—will agree heartily with Senator Foraker that the last people in this country who should fear a general tariff debate are the Republicans.

Mr. Foraker would welcome a reopening of the whole subject to show that the party is not unwilling to reduce tariff schedules. The general Republican party, however, would welcome it as an opportunity for standing by its guns.

THE LITERARY PROGRAMME

The Success of the Grange Depends Largely on a Good Lecturer. The average lecturer of a subordinate grange is often at a loss for a good programme, something instructive and interesting.

Knowledge at "Fair Harvard."

Some time ago the Home Market Club sent circulars to "men of intelligence and home prominence, chiefly presidents of colleges and banks and the heads of large manufacturing establishments throughout the country."

Mr. W. L. Marvin, author of "The American Merchant Marine," promptly points out the fact which all men not drawing their knowledge from internal consciousness knew—viz, that both the McKinley and the Dingley laws exempted from duty materials for foreign or round the cape shipping.

Before They Are Hatched.

The Democratic newspapers survey the field and find that it will require 239 electoral votes to elect a president next year. They say they can get 'em, but when it comes to counting the chicks they find that the old hen "ain't hatched enough yet."

A Cleveland Appointee.

And so it transpires that the chief "grafter" in the postoffice department was appointed by Grover Cleveland. However, there is no very great significance in that fact, because, as the News has repeatedly pointed out, there is no politics in graft.

THE GRANGE

Conducted by J. W. DARROW, Chatham, N. Y. Press Correspondent New York State Grange

GRANGE WANTS GOOD ROADS

Demands the Aid of Uncle Sam and Indorses the Brownlow Bill.

The New York Tribune Farmer says: The farmers are, as a class, conservative in their views and slow to move. They do their thinking first and their talking afterward.

Whereas, The United States government has expended vast amounts of money in the improvement of transportation facilities by river and harbor appropriations and has donated vast tracts of valuable land in aid of the construction of railroads; therefore be it

Resolved, That the national grange favors the inauguration of a national policy for the improvement of highways and the appropriation by congress of a liberal amount to establish a comprehensive system of road improvement through the cooperation of the federal and state governments.

Resolved, That we call upon all state, Pomona and subordinate granges to take prompt and vigorous action upon this important matter, and we hereby authorize the legislative committee of the national grange to inaugurate and conduct an aggressive campaign in securing federal aid for improvement of highways.

CORN PROGRAMME

Music. Quotations appropriate to the subject. Paper, "History of Corn From Earliest Days With Best Varieties."

Paper, "Insects That Prey Upon Corn and Best Methods of Preventing Them." Talk, "Best Methods and Implements For Cultivating and Harvesting Corn."

Discussion. Talks, "Different Ways of Canning and Preserving Corn For Food." (By ladies with samples.)

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Illinois State Grange.

The thirty-second annual session of the Illinois State grange met in Springfield early in December, with an unusually large attendance. Worthy Master Oliver Wilson was re-elected. Strong resolutions were adopted favoring good roads, increased pay for rural mail carriers, a parcels post law and the initiative and referendum.

A thousand tons of seeds are to be distributed soon by the department of agriculture at Washington at a cost of \$270,000. Ask your congressman for your share if you need any chicken feed.—S. E. Streche.

At the recent meeting of the Delaware state grange held in the halls of Delaware college at Newark the faculty and trustees gave every assistance in their power to make the meeting successful.

"What Should Be the Relation of the Grange and the Church?" was the suggestive topic for December of National Lecturer Bacheider. It's a good topic for discussion at any time.

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