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THE PARTY WILL FIGHT FOR PRO-TECTION ALL THE TIME.

It Will Be Found Always Striving to Keep American Wage Earners Pro-vided With Stendy and Remunerative Employment.

The protection Republicans-and they The protection Republicans—and they number 99 per cent of the party with-out doubt—will agree heartily with Senator Foraker that the last people in this country who should fear a gen-eral tariff debate are the Republicans. This is the senator's way of express-ing his opinion that congress should take up the question of insular free trade, with a view to giving the Phil-ippines the same tariff concessions as have been granted to Porto Rico. He will discover, however, that the reason protection Republicans do not fear a general tariff debate is emphatically different from his so far as concerns the removal of duties on imports from

the Philippines. Mr. Foraker would welcome a reopening of the whole subject to show that the party is not unwilling to re-duce tariff schedules. The general Re-publican party, however, would wel-come it as an opportunity for standing by its guns. Since the McKinley-Dingley policy set American Industries on their feet again, put our wage earners at work, fattened up their savings banks accounts and gave every one his share of the national prosperity we have had Iowa ideas, Massachusetts ideas, Cuban reciprocity ideas and others which are wont to come to a peo ple well fed, comfortable and happy and so somewhat careless of the future. Some of them have died a-borning; one unfortunately has become a fact. But there will be very little fur ther change from this American policy without a very large and a very crit-ical change. The Republican party ical change. The Republican party realizes keenly that there has come a variation in the industrial situation which makes it the first work and the most important duty of the party to keep American wage earners in their employment. Ten years ago it was to set them to work. Seven years ago it was to pay them for their work with an honest dollar. Four years ago perhaps it was to gain new markets abroad for them and for capital. Now it is to sus-tain, our own market, to keep our own wage earners at work, to continue the employment of our own capital. Any man who proposes tariff reduc

tions now, in whatever relation to pro duction beyond our own boundaries proposes to take away something more of the home market's selling power and something more of home labor's earn-ing power at a time when they are both reacting from various causes, to the disadvantage of American capital and American labor here at home. The Republican party will fight that prop-osition to the last ditch. If it did not it would have no transcendent function to perform for the American people It would have no overshadowing issue with which to go before them. In those premises it would go out, and deservedly, of the control of this government until such time as, returning to its principles, it should undertake to build up again the American market, undermined with free trade instru-ments, for the products of American capital and American labor. - New York Press.

Knowledge at "Fnir Harvard." Some time ago the Home Market club sent circulars to "men of intelligence and home prominence, chiefty presidents of colleges and banks and the heads of large manufacturing es-tablishments throughout the country." asking their views as to the proper means of establishing the American merchant marine in the foreign trade. Answers were received from 703 persons. Of these 65 per cent, or 456, fa-vored duties and regulations; 19 per cent, or 132, favored subsidies; 11 per cent, or 86, favored both, and 4 per cent, or 29, wanted neither.

President

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. For some reason the farmers of this country have been reading and thinking about road im provement and the best way to secure that much desired result. They have considered local taxation and labor as. the means of building good roads and have found this long tried plan to be a failure, except in limited localities. They have studied the state aid plan and observed the great advance made under it. Finally they have been study-ing the question of national aid, and they appear to have concluded that "it is the way they long have sought and mourned because they found it not." At any rate, that conservative farmers' organization, the Patrons of Husbandry, in its national meeting came out with the following strong and une-quivocal declaration:

quivocal declaration: Whereas, The United States government has expended vast amounts of money in the improvement of transportation facili-ties by river and harbor appropriations and has donated vast tracts of valuable land in aid of the construction of rail-roads; therefore be it Resolved, That the national grange fa-vors the improvement of highways and the appropriation by congress of a liberal amount to establish a comprehensive sys-tem of road improvement through the co-operation of the federal and state govern-ments, suggesting that the general fea-tures of what is termed the Brownlow bill embody, with some modifications, the es-ential features of such a policy; and be it further

emody, with some some policy; and be in further Resolved, That we call upon all state, Pomona and subordinate granges to take prompt and vigorous action upon this im-portant matter, and we hereby authorize the legislative committee of the national grange to inaugurate and conduct an ag-gressive campaign in securing federal aid for improvement of highways. Also that our legislative committee be authorized to gather all the information possible re-garding the road laws and systems of road building in the several states and that such information be published in such form as the committee deems best. These resolutions will set in motion a

These resolutions will set in motion vast force that moves slowly, but irre sistibly, for it must be remembered that the national grange usually gets what it goes after, whether it is a state freight rate law, the creation of a national department of agriculture or the passage of an oleomargarine bill. This is by far the most important indorsement the Brownlow bill has yet received.

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. For the help of such a one we commend the following "corn pro-gramme," and it need not be said that

a hundred other topics can be treated in a similar manner and prove most in-structive: CORN PROGRAMME.

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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 ex-erapted from duty materials for for-eign or round the cape shipping. In fact, right under President Eliot's nose the Sewalls of Bath had built a steel ship of free foreign made materials. And a great many men are expending in the neighborhood of \$1,000 a year that their sons may be "educated" at Harvard!

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 yit." - North Wilkesboro (N. C.) Republican.

A Cleveland Appointee.

And so it transpires that the chief "grafter" in the postoflice department was appointed by Grover Cleveland. However, there is no very great s'r-nificance in that fact, because, as the News has repeatedly pointed out, there is no politics in graft. - Providence

News.

merce are made? What articles of com-corncol ashes more valuable than any other? What is slover? What state in the Union raises the most corn? Can you find No. 1 corn quoted in the market re-ports? Why? Recitation, "The Old Fashioned Husk-ing Bee." Awarding premium on the best car of corn exhibit. J.

Illinois State Grange

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

A thousand tons of seeds are to be A moustain 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. Strede.

At the recent meeting of the Defa-ware state grange held in the halls of Delaware coilege at Newark the fac-FOLEYS HONEYARD BRING ulty 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 Bachelder. It's a good topic for discussion at any time.

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