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Row to Discourage Enterprise and Competition In Heavy Ordnance.

A marked and a very unpleasant re-sult of the education the government furnishes the young men who are subsisted and Trained through four years that they may uphold the interests of the country in war is that so many of them are intent on upholding the manu-When it seemed that "dough face" force could no longer prevent our havforce could no longer prevent our hav-ing a navy Commander Soley came promptly to the front with rather more than advice that we should buy our warships in England. During the de-bate in July, 1886, over armor plate for the ships to be built under the Cleve-land administration Congressman Boutelle said that two or three officers of navy were receiving pay as agents European armor makers, and the name of one of them was thought to be well known. Then and later they were clamorous for building all our new warships in the navy yards of the gov-ernment, a proposition that had the support of that administration, but did not secure support from Secretary Tracy in the Harrison administration. The records of the army are not so

bad, though a great many have pre-ferred the superior ease of a gun fac-tory to other service. But neither their hostility to the development of the American iron trade nor their disregard of the possibility of American work-men competing with foreign workmen in furnishing warships and armament to foreign nations has been as pro-nounced as with the navy. Now Captain Pendleton, superintend-

ent of the naval gun factory at the Washington navy yard, wants \$4,000,-000 for an addition to the already considerable gun factory at that point Of course he says he can make guns cheaper than we can buy them. Pos-sibly, not counting interest and depre-ciation, he can, but the plan is to destroy individual initiative and to thor-oughly prevent any competition on our part that would tend to be troublesome to the heirs of Herr Krupp or the stock holders of the Armstrongs.

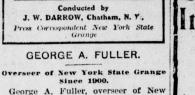
Captain Pendleton cannot do the ship builders and armament makers of Eu rope a greater service than by procur ing that \$4,000,000 and thereby so dis couraging the manufacture of heavy ordnance here that it will be impossible for us to sell foreign governments warships built and fitted out in this country.

An Insufficient Explanation.

A recent editorial in the Iron and Coal Trades Review of London, call-ing attention to the probable German production of pig iron for this year which it puts at over 10,000,000 tons or 1,500,000 tons over the British prod uct. says: "Until now Germany has been well behind Great Britain in her pig iron output. This notable advance is mainly due to the expansion of the mines and iron making resources of Lorraine and Luxemburg, although in other districts the progress has been considerable.

Quite so. But this does not explain the expansion. America and Germany will make, thanks to their protective tariffs, between 25,000,000 and 26,000, 600 tons of pig fron this year as against between 8,000,000 and 9,000,000 tons in Great Britain. Our readers are asked to figure on the probable cost of pig iron if the free traders had their way and we were dependent on Great Brit aln alone for our supply. Of course no free trade or British paper will admit that protection has caused expansion and the consequent low prices.

Expect Him to Win. The London report that Joseph Cham-berlain is discouraged over the outlook for his higher tariff campaign and that he is canceling his speaking engagements sounds like an invention of the Liberal free traders. Whatever else has been made clear, it is that the



George A. Fuller, overseer of New York state grange, was born on Edgewood farm, where he now lives, in 1866, Seventy-five years ago the Ful-ler family emigrated from Saratoga county, N. Y., to the Black river coun-try and located on this farm, which has been the home

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of the family for four genera-tions. Mr. Fuller was educat-ed in Ives seminary and the Potsdam nor-mal school. After completing his course in the normal he followed the pur-suit of teaching for two years. On the death of

his father in GEORGE A. FULLER. 1888 he assumed the management of the farm and since that time has been practically engaged in developing the farm to its highest point of producing capacity. Mr. Fuller has given special attention to dairying and has succeeded in get-ting together one of the finest dairies in northern New York, the milk from which is manufactured into fancy cheese on the farm for half the year and shipped to New York the balance of the year.

Mr. Fuller has always been a firm be liever in organization and co-operation among farmers and in 1889 became a member of Philadelphia grange, No. 114. Soon after joining the grange he was elected secretary and has filled nearly every office in the grange since, context the terms are merited in 1995 serving two terms as master. In 1895 he was elected lecturer of Jefferson county Pomona grange and served until 1898, when he was elected master of that body. In 1900 Mr. Fuller was elected overseer of New York staté grange, which position he has since held.

THINGS HAVE CHANGED.

The Governor of New Hampshire and Staff Attend a Pomona Grange.

We had the great pleasure of being present at the session of Eastern New Hampshire Pomona at the hall of Do-ver grange, Dover, recently, says a writer in the Maine Farmer, and meet-ing the hundreds of Patrons who with their friends completely. Filled the large their friends completely filled the large hall and anterooms. To those acquaint-ed with the grange in earlier days the great change in public sentiment was indeed marked, for facing the audience sat the honored governor of the state with his staff rich in gold lace and with them the members of the city govern-ment, pastors of the churches, superintendents of schools and other notable officials, who left their business to honor the grange and testify their ap-preciation of its service to the state. A rich feast was spread by the hardworking patrons of Dover grange, fully 350 being seated at the tables. Governor Bachelder filled the chair of

state master for twelve years, and un-der his wise administration the Order not only has attained its present growth, but called to its support every friend of the Granite State.

Grange Center of Communication. The Pennsylvania state grange has stabilised a medium of exchange be-tween the producer and consumer of sarplus products. The work is in charge of S. B. Day of Washington, Pa., who has received many hundreds of letters from Patrons all over the state. It is intended to publish an ex-change bulletin which will contain a list of all the wants and for sale arti-cles reported to the committee.

This bulletin will be published as often as necessary, and a copy of each issue will be mailed to every suborthe Liberal free traders. Whatever else has been made clear, it is that the stumping success has been with Cham-be posted up in the state. After be-

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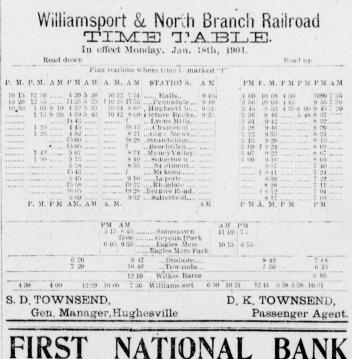
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A Contrast. "The United States, under protec-tion." said Mr. Chamberlain, "had reached prosperity unequaled in the world. In no other country was wealth so evenly distributed, while there was no country in the world where such a large proportion of the population was on the verge of hunger and distress as in Great Britain."

Thirty years ago Bismarck said the same thing. Then the English were saying our tariff was benighted. Germany, however, started on a career of prosperity. It is possible England will follow

Protection and Production

significant feature of the protect tive system is that it promotes high production and organization and invokes such economy in the use of invention and of machinery that our anufacturers can easily unload their idle surplus" on to an admiring world. When our domestic market is down at the heel, we lack the necessary incen-tive. This is not theory. It is 1896 compared with 1903 .- Boston Journal.

efit of all. The name and address of each person having anything to sell or desirous of purchasing any special articles will appear in the list, so that buy-ers and sellers may communicate directly with each other. The bulletin will be published by the state grange.

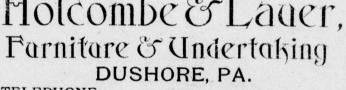
The Lecturer's Work.

The systematic organization of the lecturer's work in the Michigan state grange has given a practical value to the educational influence of the grange never possessed before. So says the "had Michigan Farmer. And what is true n the of the work in Michigan may be and should be true of the lecturer's work in every state. There is now a lack of systematic effort in many states, and this tends to lessen the influence and minimize the results of grange work.

> Mr. B. B. Lord, the husband of Mrs. Elizabeth Lord, lecturer of New York state grange, died Jan. 19 at Sinclair-ville, N. Y. He was a noted breeder of fine stock and a public spirited citizen. He was a member of Sinclairville grange of Chautauqua county.

Michigan seems to be doing more in the line of co-operative buying than any other grange state. It is chiefly in land phosphate, wire fencing and binder twine.

An effort will be made by the Po-mona grazge of Jefferson county, N. Y., to have a uniform programme fos all subordinate granges.



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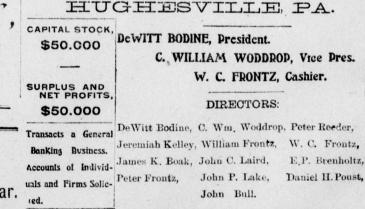
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