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**How to Discourage Enterprise and  
Competition in Heavy Ordnance.**

A marked and a very unpleasant result of the education the government furnishes the young men who are subsidized 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 manufacturing interests of foreign countries. When it seemed that "dough face" force could no longer prevent our having a navy Commander Soley came promptly to the front with rather more than advice that we should buy our warships in England. During the debate in July, 1886, over armor plate for the ships to be built under the Cleveland administration Congressman Boutelle said that two or three officers of the navy were receiving pay as agents for 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 government, 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 preferred the superior ease of a gun factory to other service. But neither their hostility to the development of the American iron trade nor their disregard of the possibility of American workmen competing with foreign workmen in furnishing warships and armament to foreign nations has been as pronounced as with the navy.

Now Captain Pendleton, superintendent 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. Possibly, not counting interest and depreciation, he can, but the plan is to destroy individual initiative and to thoroughly prevent any competition on our part that would tend to be troublesome to the heirs of Herr Krupp or the stockholders of the Armstrongs.

Captain Pendleton cannot do the shipbuilders and armament makers of Europe a greater service than by procuring that \$4,000,000 and thereby so discouraging 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, calling 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 product, 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 20,000,000 tons of pig iron 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 Britain 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 Chamberlain 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 stumping success has been with Chamberlain. His strategic ability and capacity for picking out the weak points of the opposition have never been more remarkably evident. The tide must have changed wonderfully if it is sweeping hopelessly against him. The most competent observers who have been in England this fall and Englishmen who have come over here have been expecting him to win.—Boston Record.

**A Contrast.**

"The United States, under protection," said Mr. Chamberlain, "had reached prosperity unequalled 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.**

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

**THE GRANGE**

Conducted by  
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Grange

GEORGE A. FULLER.

Overseer of New York State Grange  
Since 1900.

George A. Fuller, overseer of New York state grange, was born on Edgewood farm, where he now lives, in 1806. Seventy-five years ago the Fuller family emigrated from Saratoga county, N. Y., to the Black river country and located on this farm, which has been the home of the family for four generations. Mr. Fuller was educated in Ives seminary and the Potsdam normal school. After completing his course in the normal he followed the pursuit of teaching for two years. On the death of his father in 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 getting 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.



GEORGE A. FULLER.

Mr. Fuller has always been a firm believer 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, 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 state 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 Dover grange, Dover, recently, says a writer in the Maine Farmer, and meeting the hundreds of Patrons who with their friends completely filled the large hall and anterooms. To those acquainted 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 government, pastors of the churches, superintendents of schools and other notable officials, who left their business to honor the grange and testify their appreciation of its service to the state. A rich feast was spread by the hard-working patrons of Dover grange, fully 350 being seated at the tables.

Governor Bachelier filled the chair of state master for twelve years, and under 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 established a medium of exchange between the producer and consumer of surplus 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 exchange bulletin which will contain a list of all the wants and for sale articles reported to the committee. This bulletin will be published as often as necessary, and a copy of each issue will be mailed to every subordinate grange in the state. After being read in the grange meetings it will be posted up in the halls for the benefit 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 buyers 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 Michigan Farmer. And what is true 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 Sinclairville, 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 Pomona grange of Jefferson county, N. Y., to have a uniform programme for all subordinate granges.

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Read down				Read up			
P.	M.	P.	M.	A.	M.	P.	M.
Flag stations where time is marked "F"				Station S.			
10 15	12 30	4 20	5 20	10 22	7 51	Halls	9 49
10 20	12 35	4 25	5 25	10 27	7 56	Pennsdale	9 54
10 25	1 03	4 30	5 30	10 32	8 01	Rubensville	10 01
10 30	1 08	4 35	5 35	10 37	8 06	Lietzville	10 06
10 35	1 13	4 40	5 40	10 42	8 11	Lietzville	10 11
10 40	1 18	4 45	5 45	10 47	8 16	Lyons Mills	10 16
10 45	1 23	4 50	5 50	10 52	8 21	Champion	10 21
10 50	1 28	4 55	5 55	10 57	8 26	Great Meadows	10 26
10 55	1 33	5 00	6 00	11 02	8 31	Strawbridge	10 31
11 00	1 38	5 05	6 05	11 07	8 36	Bechtelheim	10 36
11 05	1 43	5 10	6 10	11 12	8 41	Money Valley	10 41
11 10	1 48	5 15	6 15	11 17	8 46	Somerset	10 46
11 15	1 53	5 20	6 20	11 22	8 51	Neumont	10 51
11 20	1 58	5 25	6 25	11 27	8 56	McKoma	10 56
11 25	2 03	5 30	6 30	11 32	9 01	LaPorte	11 01
11 30	2 08	5 35	6 35	11 37	9 06	Ringdale	11 06
11 35	2 13	5 40	6 40	11 42	9 11	Berwick Road	11 11
11 40	2 18	5 45	6 45	11 47	9 16	Satterfield	11 16
11 45	2 23	5 50	6 50	11 52	9 21		11 21
11 50	2 28	5 55	6 55	11 57	9 26		11 26
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