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thing Now Marks a Difference Between Republicans and Democrats Excepting Their Views on the Subsect of Free Trade.

in an interesting communication to he Américan Economist Mr. R. S. Hin-tion asks the question, "What is Re-publicanism?" Mr. Himman is a Con-terior of four-score years or increabouts, ripe in experience and, as as letter shows, a deep thinker and an fine writer. He is not identified with manufacturing. He is merely a tiller at the soil. He evidently clings to the manufacturing that Republicanism at protection are Siamese twins. quated notion that Republicanism in protection are Siamese twins, and together by an arterial connect, the severing of which would be try certain to cause serious conseques to both twins. Many persons in the past held this view of the relationship beween Republicanian distributions. Many still entain this belief, but it certainly must be true that many have are it themselves into the conviction of the world be perfectly safe and alteriary wholesome for Republicanian cut itself loose from its twin. Mr. aer wholesome for Republicanism it itself loose from its twin. Mr. can is not of this way of think-He sees no particular difference een Democrats and Republicans at as to free trade and protection; no Republican can claim to be a

the sugar planter of Louislana, coolgrower of Texas, the woolen facturer of Connecticut and the maker of Pennsylyania." Upon ther basis can protection endure. perioral as a policy depends upon pelication as a national issue and as a bocal-issue. Discrimination cen one industry and another in-y, between one section and anothfrom is the beginning of the end ofection. As with protection so reciprocity: There should be no recity for the benefit of one interded at the expense of another inter-Such reciprocity arrangements as may engage in should be for the sit of all alike. Of this character, in Hinnian well says, would be the creed trade dickers that should rea a sticity revenue duty from arrawhich, we cannot our sleep upon. which we cannot ourselves pro in return for a similar removal of the lift return for a similar removal of less by another country. In this way, antional treasury would pay the unit of the whole people would pay it, the whole people would pay it, and industries fill he required to make injurious riflers for the benefit of some other up of industries. Protective duties to be changed as to rates whenever people so desire; they should never changed as to equal and fair applicant least of all should they be inipulated by means of treaty barnes in which the people have no voice as to resoliation or ratification. I many ways Mr. Himman's asking a miswering of the question, "What republicanism?", are timely and inpublicanism?", are timely and in-

Mr. Cleveland's Conciseness. Cleveland has been accused of nees which are longer and broadwithin the state grows less with each year that passes.

"By far the larger number, however, of the filipant have hishmated that, the says an undisputed thing in such solenn way." But when he replied a question about some recent chattering of William Jennings Bryan he has elear, as concise and as intake as clear, as concise and as intake as the most exacting of his literary critics could demand. Said Mr. leveland: "He's got the stage. Let fin go it." I guess that is definite from the firm of the said homes having been created from what were once abandened farms.

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"By far the larger number, however, of the purchasers of New Hampshire's abandoned farms have been summer residents, vacation visitors, permanently domiciled for from two to eight months of the year among our hills. A canvass of such residents, now being made by the state board of agriculture and not completed at the time of writing, has given thus far the names of 2.100 owners of summer homes in our state, most of the said homes having been created from what were once abandened farms.

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### DEMOCRATIC IMPOSSIBLES.

Mr. Olney has not been seen in the residential field since he retired be-ind Mr. Cleveland, and his disappear-nce is supposed to be final.—Philadel-

Mr. Bryan insists that Mr. Cleveland much. is impossible while he himself is onl highly improbable.—Washington Star.

It is becoming more and more evident that if the Democrats secure Grover Cleveland as a presidential candidate they will have to resort to force.

Tammany has been blowing frost upon Judge Parker's presidential boom. That is because it is believed Judge Parker is Man Friday for ex-Governor Hill. Even Temmany is not bad chough to stand Hill.—Binghamton to stand Hill.—Binghamton to stand Hill.—Binghamton to farmers generally.

Mr. Other has expressed himself as being quite sure that Cleveland is just the man the Democrats should nomiite. And now it is Custon's turn or something.—San Autonio Express.

Massachusetts Democrats have plac-d Richard Olacy squarely in the field or the presidential nomination. And he must bear the load of the Oveland ministration too.—Camden Post-Tele-earnest.

## THE GRANGE

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

### CONNECTICUT PATRONS.

Orson S. Wood Succeeds B. C. Pat-terson as State Master. The annual session of the Connecticut state grange was held in Hartford last month. Worthy Master Patterson re-ported that the past year had been sone of advancement in the Order. He com-mented favorably on the excellent ritualistic work being done by the granges throughout the state. There was an unusual array of talent at the public meeting held one afternoon during the meeting held one afternoon during the session. Among the speakers were the governor and lieutenant governor of Connecticut, the governor of New Hampshire, National Master Jones and

others. Several important resolutions of a public nature were adopted. One against the free seed distribution as at present conducted being of so general interest, we reproduce it in full. It is as follows:

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Resolved, That the Connecticut state grange in annual session convened records its protest in emphatic and unqualified terms against the entire system of free seed distribution by the government as at present conducted, believing that the day has passed when such distribution is of any value to or is cared for by any considerable number of farmers or gardeners of this state. It is a misuse of the public funds and serves no good purpose. If any new and desirable seeds can be obtained by the government not generally known in all sections of the country, such distribution, along the lines of the original purpose, is desirable and should be continued, but free distribution of common seeds or so called novelites in a promiscuous manner is unwarranted, besides loading the mails unnecessarily, to the great detriment of other and more important interests. We therefore respectfully request our representatives in congress to oppose further appropriations for this purpose. no Republican can claim to be a purpose, is desirable and should be combon on any save the sole ground he is a better protectionist; in that nothing but protection sepsite two parties at this time, seefally does the wise old Connectifarater object to Republicans coming the tariff as a local issue. Our and greatest Republicans have not insidered if. They have, as Mr. ann rightly contends, "looked alike the sugar planter of Louislana, the sugar planter of Louislana, favorably by the committee having it

favorably by the committee having it in charge, but when submitted to grange its report was overruled and the resolution adopted. It pledges the grange to support legislation to grant political rights to women.

On the favorable report of the com mittee on education the grange passed the resolution requesting school officers and teachers to examine the system of instruction in operation in Batavia, N. Y., known as the Kennedy system. On the favorable report of the committee on good of the Order, a resolution was passed urging the legislature to so amend the act in relation to agricultural fairs as to forbid state aid to those at which gambling or illegal liquor selling may be allowed.

Orson S. Wood of East Windsor was elected worthy master, B. A. Peck of Bristol overseer and L. H. Healey of North Woodstock lecturer. The new master is sixty-four years of age and was a member of the house of repre-sentatives two terms.

### ABANDONED FARMS GOING.

Summer Residents Are Buying Then In New Hampshire.

Governor Bachelder, lecturer of the national grange, has issued an address on New Hampshire's abandoned farms, in which he says:

"An encouraging feature of New Hampshire life at the granter of the

Hampshire life at the opening of the new year is the extent to which the state's abandoned farms have been adopted by prosperous and well pleased foster parents. The first statistics collected by the commissioner show 1,343 abandoned farms within the state. The proportion of unoccupied farm land within the state grows less with each

"It is estimated that these 2,100 adopted sons of the state, by themselves, their families, their guests and selves, their tamines, their guests and their employees, add to the population of New Hampshire every summer at least 20,000 people. Their holdings of real estate represent a permanent investment of \$5,000,000, and their annual expenditures for all purposes within the state are at least half as much."

The Androscoggin (Me.) Pomon grange has a membership of 2,636, and there are 4,350 Patrons in that county. Maine is the third state in the Union

The parcels post is favored by the

The monument to be erected in Washington to the memory of the seven founders of the Order is to cost \$25,000.

The homes of fifty of the members of the Yorktown (N. Y.) grange are connected by telephone.

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