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Nothing Now Marks a Difference Between Republicans and Democrats Excepting Their Views on the Subject of Free Trade.

In an interesting communication to the American Economist Mr. R. S. Hinman asks the question, "What is Republicanism?" Mr. Hinman is a Connecticut farmer of fourscore years or thereabouts, ripe in experience and, as his letter shows, a deep thinker and an able writer.

He is not identified with manufacturing. He is merely a tiller of the soil. He evidently clings to the antiquated notion that Republicanism and protection are Siamese twins, bound together by an aerial connection, the severing of which would be pretty certain to cause serious consequences to both twins.

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THE GRANGE

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

CONNECTICUT PATRONS.

Orson S. Wood Succeeds B. C. Patterson as State Master.

The annual session of the Connecticut state grange was held in Hartford last month. Worthy Master Patterson reported that the past year had been one of advancement in the Order.

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:

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.

The woman suffrage resolution going the rounds of the state granges because no doubt of its adoption by the national grange was reported upon unfavorably by the committee having it in charge, but when submitted to grange its report was overruled and the resolution adopted.

On the favorable report of the committee 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.

Orson S. Wood of East Windsor was elected worthy master, B. A. Peck of Bristol overseer and L. H. Healey of North Woodstock lecturer.

ABANDONED FARMS GOING.

Summer Residents Are Buying Them in New Hampshire.

Governor Bacheelder, 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 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."

"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 abandoned farms."

"It is estimated that these 2,100 adopted sons of the state, by themselves, their families, 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 Androsoggin (Me.) Pomona grange has a membership of 2,626, and there are 4,350 Patrons in that county. Maine is the third state in the Union as to grange membership.

The parcels post is favored by the grange. There is no good reason why this country should not have as good mail facilities as foreign countries have.

The legislative committee of the national grange has recently visited Washington in the interest of the Order and of farmers generally.

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