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In pursuance to a call issued by the chairman, the Republican County Committee met at Laporte, Pa. on March 12th for the purpose of fixing the dates for holding the Primaries. and the County Convention. It was decided to hold the Primaries on Saturday the 26th day of March, and the County Convention on the following Tuesday March 29th for the purpose of naming a State Delegate; Congressional Conferees; Conferees to nominate National Delegate and alternates; Conferees to nominate a President Judge, and a county Ticket And such other business as may come properly come before the convention. A full attendance is desir ed upon this occasion.

F. H. Ingham, Secy.

W. P. Shoemaker, Chairman.

STANDARD OF LIVING

WHEREIN AMERICANS FARE BETTER THAN FOREIGNERS

Condition of Wage Earners In This Country Under Protection pared With That of Their Fellows In Great Britain Under Free Trade.

Senator Gallinger said in concluding his great speech on the result of Ding-

The American standard of living, American manhood and American homes are the sequences of a protective tariff."

What is the American standard? How does it differ from the foreign standard, and how does our present

standard, and now does our present protection standard differ from our free trade standard? We do not propose to consider the millionaire or the exceptionally un-fretunate who can always be found in great cities under any circumstances but the masses of average toilers to be found by the million all over our cour

in the first place, the average American is better housed, better clothed and better fed than the average work ingman abroad because he gets from twice to ten times the wages. In England one person in every twenty-five is a pauper; in the United States nor one person in a thousand. In England 90 per cent of the wage earners have no place they can call their own beyond the end of the week, have no bit of soll nothing of value of any kind, are housed in places that an American would not think fit for a horse, and a month's idleness or sickness brings them face to face with hunger and pauperism. In the United States hundreds of thousands own their own homes. Other hundreds of thousands rent four and six room tenements and apartments which are comfortably and often handsomely furnished. From 20 to 33 per cent of the whole population of some of the largest towns in England live in one room homes. Less than one-tenth of 1 per cent of our population so live. In London alone a quarter of a million people live in "homes" which consist of a single room for all purposes of do-mestic life for all the members of the family. It need hardly be added that family. It need hardly be added that such "homes" have little furniture and rarely a carpet. It is simply a con-tinual struggle to exist and keep the children alive. We can hardly realize in the United States what such an ex-

Now, let us look into a typical Amer ican home. It can be found in the citles, in the towns or the country. It is the rule and not the exception. We find a house or apartment or tenement of from four to six or more rooms. Each room is carpeted, a brussels carpet in the parlor, an ingrain in the sit-ting room or dining room, a rag carpet in the bedrooms, while the kitchen has throom and several closets. There is pretty paper on the walls and shades and curtains at the windows. The din-ing table may be in the kitchen or in the sitting room, or there may be a separate dining room. There are linen tablecloths and napkins, china and glass ware and silver or plated knives, forks and spoons. There are three square meals a day, good, substantial

food, in great variety and plenty of it.
In the sitting room will generally be In the sitting room will generally be found a sewing machine, a comfortable lounge, a rocking chair and other chairs. In the parlor in many cases will be found a piano or organ. There will be pictures on the walls and many ornamental things. In the bedrooms will be found comfortable beds, with plenty of sheets and blankets and spreads. There will be found plenty of books and magazines for the elders books and magazines for the elders and picture books and story books for the children. There will be balls and bats and marbles and tops and skates and sleds for the boys and dolls for the rirls. Think of our American girl who does not own a doll and sometimes a dozen! And the dolls are prettily dressed too. They have their own little beds and bureaus and carriages and tea sets and parasols and numerous other things. In fact, there are millions of American dolls that are better off than the children themselves abroad or were the children of free trade times in our own country

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tion in colleges, academies and private schools. These schools and colleges are a part of our American standard, its a part of our American state of year of our American attains to a higher degree of enlightenment and culture. This is the reason why we have over 2,000 daily papers, over 15,000 weeklies and 3,000 monthlies, scores of which have circulations

exceeding 100,000 copies each issue and some as high as half a million. This, too, is the reason why many millions of new books are sold annually. Be-sides the enjoyment of literature is the pleasure of music and art, of lectures and the theater. Then there are the millions spent upon recreation and sport. One hundred thousand and more people a day go to Coney Island. More than that number attend the ball games. Millions in the summer go on excursions, and all are well dressed and happy. And when all the neces-saries and luxuries are provided there is \$1,000,000,000 a year put into the savings banks, loan associations, insurance companies and other forms of providing for the future. Besides the individual and family

standard is the public standard of vil-lages, towns and municipalities — the parks and libraries, the well paved and parks and indraries, the well parks and side-lighted streets, the sewers and side-walks, the cheap water and gas, the fire and police protection. Then there are the great public utilities which are con-stantly being improved and at a less and less price to the public; the post-office and free delivery, rural as well as city; the railroads, with their cheap freight and passenger rates; the tele-graph and telephone; the trolleys, with their transfer systems, and numerous other benefits. One cannot begin to enumerate the list of benefits enjoyed by the American masses, benefits that were not known till protection began to develop our brains and enterprise and industries. More and more em-ployment has kept raising the wages, while competition has lowered prices and improved conditions. After our civil war for twenty-eight years a protective tariff constantly raised our standard of living. Then came the three or four years of free trade, when we stood still or went back. The same standard existed, the same appetites, the same desires, but the means of attaining them, the purchasing power, was gone. Then came the Dingley law, under which we are now living, and with it came the greatest prosperity ever known and a reaching for and enjoyment of a still higher standard of living, a still nobler manhood and still happier homes. Our typical home is no exaggeration. There are more betno exaggeration. There are more bet-ter ones than worse ones. A few live in affluence, a few in poverty, but the great mass of our people enjoy the American standard, which is the high-est on earth and a higher standard by far than we have ever known under free trade.

Nor have we reached the limit by any means. Protection has accomplish-ed much, but if left undisturbed it will accomplish still more. Let us see to it that we push forward. We want no more standing still, no more going back. We have every natural, physical and fluancial advantage. Let us continue to have opportunity.

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A closely related, enterprise is the reading course, and this is now adapted reading course, and this is now adapted to many lines of work. One of its most recent developments is in the line of agriculture, and this work is specially adapted to farmers, since so few of them can go to an agricultural college. The rural mail delivery is making these courses workable. The largest of the farmer's reading course enterprises is in New York state, where there are two such courses emanating from the lege of agriculture at Cornell university and maintained by the state—one for farmers and one for farmers' wives. readers. It is not the primary purpos of these courses to set the readers at books, for those who are confirmed in the habit of reading books are able to help themselves. Therefore simple be ginners' lessons are prepared and sent free to farmers and their families in the state. With the lessons are sent ques tions for the reader to answer, and correspondence is then maintained with the reader on the points of difference between reader and instructor. Farm ers often organize themselves into read ing clubs, and the grange affords one of the most favorable opportunities for pursuing these courses. York farmers' reading course are les-sons on soil, fertilizing, stock feeding. poultry houses, orcharding. In the farmers' wives' course are lessons on saving steps, home sanitation, the home garden, practical housekeeping, food for the family, furnishing and reading



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