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## A PARTY OF DISASTER

BUSINESS DEPRESSION NECESSARY TO DEMOCRATIC SUCCESS.

Bourbon Leaders Assert That the Babble of Prosperity Has Collapsed and That the Time Has Arrived For a Change In Our Economic System.

The Democratic party seems to be milted upon one thought in connection with making an issue for the coming rampaign. The leaders in congress, as well as the Democratic and free trade press throughout the country, seem to think it necessary to show in some way that prosperity is on the wane. It is, in fact, made very clear that Demois, in fact, made very leaf that being cratic success depends in a large meas-ure upon adversity. It is certainly a very curious condition of affairs that only through commercial disaster can the Democratic party hope to be successful in the coming or any subsequent campaign.

It will be remembered that the two It will be reinembered that the two successes of this party in a presiden-tial election since the civil war were during periods of great prosperity, al-though the Democratic managers suc-ceeded in making the masses believe that they were not well off or could be much better off under a Democratic administration. This was tried very successfully in 1892, and it is evident that the Democratic managers are intending to play the game over again tening to pay the game over again during the coming campaign. It will hardly be so successful this year as it was twelve years ago. The "high price" contention will not avail this time, when the workingman, in addition to the splendid living which he is getting, can pull out his bank book and show what he is able to save because his full employment and good wages enable him to have a surplus after he has paid for all the necessa-ries and luxuries which he desires. The very desperation of Democratic icaders will lead to a campaign based upon deception. They know that it will be impossible to win in any other way, no matter who their candidate may be, should they succeed in agreeupon one. It is therefore the duty of Republicans from now until the close of the campaign to simply tell the truth, carrying out the advice of the lamented Senator Hanna to "stand pat", and let well enough alone.

#### Not the Platform Article.

Mr. Eugene N. Foss of Boston criticises Secretary Shaw for his views on Canadian reciprocity and cites the fact that Républican platforms have repeat-edly declared for reciprocity and that prominent Republicans have habitually urged it.

Mr. Foss is correct. Republican leadare, ross is correct. Republican leader crs and Republican platforms are pro-nounced for reciprocity. The present tariff has a section providing for reci-procity. But most of the conversation that has been made within the last few months touching reciprocity with Canada appears to be a waste of force. The Canadians are not ready for reciprocity. Canadian manufacturers an-tagonize all the propositions that have been made, except that they are will-ing to take much and give little. We have a joint commission to consider Canadian reciprocity. The American members are ready for the discussion and awaiting the pleasure of the Ca-nadians. Those who regard as reci-procity a system under which we lose a great deal and gain little or nothing are not speaking of the kind of reci-pracity for which the Republican platform and Republican leaders stand. We have sufficiently tried the allega-tion. What we must have next is the real thing .- Boston Journal.

Making Headway. The one thing plainly evident is that Mr. Chamberlain's tariff scheme has

## THE GRANGE

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

GRANGE GOOD ROADS BILL

Wherein It Differs From the Brown-low Measure Before Congress. Notwithstanding a good many subordinate granges have adopted resolu-tions approving of the Brownlow good roads bill it is only reasonable to assume that many have done so without understanding its details fully. The legislative committee of the national grange not long ago met in Washing-ton and went over this bill carefully and also certain others bearing on commerci interests and discovered there. farmers' interests and discovered there-in some features that the grange could not afford to approve; consequently they have had drafted and introduced in congress what is known as the grange good roads bill. Some of the marked differences between the two are outlined below:

marked differences between the two are outlined below: The Brownlow bill provides for twenty-two members of the bureau and necessary assistants, on a total salary and expense roll of 375,000, as compared with only three commissioners provided by the grange bill on a total salary of \$15,000 and necessary assistants, their salary and the expense total not stipulated, but left to the dis-cretion of the bureau and the sceretary of agriculture. The grange bill does not, as the Brownlow bill does, prohibit the use of funds for road building in municipal-ties of 15,000 or more people. This is also left to the bureau and secretary. Both bills leave to these authorities the de-cision as to then excessity for the high-ways applied for. The main point of dif-ference between, the grange bill provides that the applications must come from the states or territories through proper public road officials, while the Brownlow bill would allow any civil sub-division of a state to ask for it. This might piace the township or county over the state in some cases and thus give only a local importance to road building enter-prises. Under the grange bill this objec-tion is eliminated and the state must help in the undertaking.

Subordinate granges hereafter, in passing resolutions relative to roads, will do well to distinguish between the Brownlow and the grange good roads bill. The latter is one they can approve beyond a doubt. One feature of the bill which we consider decidedly better for the farmers' interests is that the secretary of agriculture is really made the chief executive officer of the road commission that the bill calls for; indeed he has almost supreme control. Knowing Secretary Wilson as most members of the Order do, by reputa-tion at least, as being most heartily in sympathy with the farmers and working for them in every possible way, they can feel safe in trusting to him and the commission over which he would preside to carry out the provisions of the bill.

## A Suggestion For Pomena Grange Masters.

We do not know that it is the custom generally for masters of Pomons granges to make annual addresses at the last meeting of the Pomona in the year, but we think it is a good idea. This is done in the national and state granges, and the masters are thus en abled to give concise statements of the work accomplished through the year, with outlines and suggestions for the year to come. This is quite as essen-tial in the Pomona grange as in the state grange. A concise statement of the work of the Order in the county is beneficial not only to the grange as-sembled, but, if published in the local papers, enables those not members of the grange to see at a glance what the Order is attempting to do in the coun-Order is attempting to do in the coun-ty. We commend the suggestion to the consideration of Pomona masters throughout the country.

## A County Grange Legislative Assem-bly.

Jefferson county grangers have or-ganized what is known as a legislative assembly. It is made up of two mem-bers of the Pomona or county grange and one member of the legislative committee of each subordinate grange in the county. It is their business to con-sider legislative questions and communicate the action of the assembly, through the legislative committee of the state grange, to the legislature and to congress. This assembly was or-ganized to facilitate such business. As the Pomona grange is in session but one day it does not permit the careful

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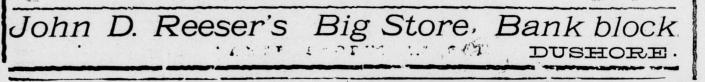
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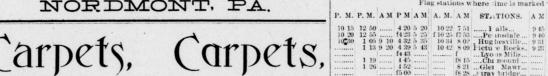
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adway. not appear that he has gained many upporters in the house of commons among the members returned in recent byelections, but it is undeniable that he has made many converts among the ministerialists who were elected in 1900 The Irish party, too, is apparently ready to make terms with Mr. Bal-four's supporters in return for the establishment of a Catholic university at Dublin and the amendment of the Irish land purchase act.

To what extent Mr. Balfour is pre-pared to follow Mr. Chamberlain in the tariff matter, however, is still unknown At present he seems disposed stop with simply a tariff for retalia-

What the issue of this peculiar mud-ale may be it is impossible to say, but the indications are that the day is not far off when appeal must be pade to the entire British electorate on the tariff question. This would prob-ably result in a wholesale realignment of British voters, possibly under new party names. The outcome of the mat-ter will be watched with deep interest on this side of the Atlantic. - New York Commercial.

#### Barkis of Princeton.

Mr. Cleveland says the selection of the next Democratic candidate for the "should not depend on presidency small a consideration as the locality whence he comes." So far as known, the party has no prejudices against New Jersey .-- Tacoma Ledger.

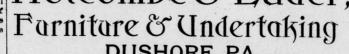
consideration demanded by many of these legislative matters. Jefferson is county in the the strongest grange count state, having 6,000 members.

Courtesy to Pomonn's Status few months ago the venerable O. H. Kelley of Florida, one of the seven founders of the Order, was visiting the annual session of a state grange. Th old gentleman's eyesight is not as good as it used to be, and on being escorted to the platform, whereon had been ar ranged a wax statue of the goodes. Pomona, the old gentleman made a most polite bow and extended his hand to the statue in friendly greeting. This was sufficient to excite the laughter and applause of the audience; but, not to be outdone and having discovered his mistake, he turned the joke very gallantly by giving the model an af-fectionate embrace.

Every subordinate grange in Penn sylvania that adds five during the quarter ending March 31 will receive a prize of a photograph of the state grange officers suitable for framing.

The three grand purposes of the grange are the social elevation, the edu cational advancement and the moral improvement of the farmer's family.

Riverside grange of New Jersey transacted business involving the handling of \$12,000 last year.



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