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**REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.**  
For Supreme Court Justice.  
JOHN P. ELKIN, of Indiana County.  
For Presidential Electors.  
Electors at Large—Robert Pitcairn,  
Allegheny; Levi G. McCalley, Chester.

**REPUBLICAN COUNTY TICKET.**  
For President Judge.  
HON. E. M. DUNHAM, of Laporte.  
For Member of Assembly.  
DR. M. E. HERRMANN,  
For Sheriff.  
FRANK W. BUCK.  
For Congress.  
E. W. SAMUELS.

**CHAMBERLAIN'S PLAN.**  
It Makes the Mistake of Mixing Up  
Protection and Reciprocity.

The London cable of July 29 brings the news that as the result of its protracted investigation of industrial conditions the tariff commission of manufacturers and business men appointed by Joseph Chamberlain several months ago has submitted a report embodying the conclusion that the decline of the British iron and steel industry is due to the fact that the manufacturers of America and Germany have secured control of the home markets by means of high tariffs and an organized system regulating their export trade; that they are in a position to dump their surplus products on the British and other markets irrespective of cost, and that the dumping could not be carried on except for the British system of free imports. The commission expresses the opinion that the situation can only be remedied by a system of tariffs arranged as follows:

"A general tariff consisting of a low scale of duties for foreign countries admitting British wares on fair terms. A differential tariff, lower than the general tariff, for the colonies, giving adequate preference to British manufactures and framed to secure freer trade within the British empire. A maximum tariff consisting of comparatively higher duties, but subject to reduction by negotiation to the level of the general tariff."

The report, which is signed by fifty-eight commissioners, is very bulky and gives the evidence of British manufacturers, the evidence given before the United States Industrial Commission on iron and steel industries, the organization and working of German cartels, a vast amount of statistics, etc.

It would seem that Mr. Chamberlain's tariff commission has taken a narrow and imperfect view of the general subject of protection and that our British consists have much to learn before they are able to comprehend protection in its full purpose and scope. Too much is undertaken at one time. Instead of presenting to the British mind the plain question of so changing the fiscal system as to insure the home producer the benefits of the home market by the adoption of a tariff rate that would make it impossible for foreign producers to dump their surplus on the British market, which would have been an excellent start along the right road, the Chamberlain plan is needlessly and unwisely complicated by a scheme of preferential and retaliatory duties. It would be better, we think, to do one thing at a time, to "go slow and learn to peddle." The immediate dilemma is the successful invasion of the United Kingdom by foreign competitors. The immediate solution should be how to shut out this injurious competition and give British labor employment. This accomplished, a large part of the difficulty will have been removed. The experience of the United States under adequate protection should have been sufficient to demonstrate beyond question that the preservation of the home market is the first great step toward

**THE DEMOCRATIC FALSTAFF AND THE ROSTER FOR 1904.**



gaining and holding of foreign markets.  
The British need of protection as a means of reviving British industry is taken for granted by the Chamberlain commission. There is no doubt that such a need exists, and there ought to be no serious difficulty in impressing that fact upon the British mind. It is to be feared, however, that Mr. Chamberlain has bitten off too large a chunk of the fiscal question when he undertakes to revive British industry and by means of preferential and retaliatory tariff secure a tight grip on colonial trade all at one operation. He is asking a great deal when he asks the British people to swallow so large and so complicated a proposition at a single gulp.

**The American Merchant Marine.**  
The registered tonnage of the American fleet of deep sea commerce was fourteen years ago 108,000 tons larger than it is today. Our deep sea tonnage today is not one-sixteenth that of Great Britain and less than a third that of Germany. These figures show that there is a necessity for the revival of our merchant marine. The United States has developed the most marvelous foreign commerce of any nation in the world. We are sending into other lands nearly \$5,000,000 worth of American products and commodities every day, but it is a significant fact that American ships carry less than 9 per cent of our exports and imports. The tribute paid to foreign ships for conveying merchandise to and from the United States amounted to over \$100,000,000 last year. Our country is foremost in nearly all lines of industrial and commercial development, but it is lagging behind even the smaller foreign nations in its merchant marine. The patriotic pride and the commercial instinct of our people suggest the improvement of our fleet commensurate with our commercial needs.—Norwich (Conn.) Bulletin.

**OBJECTIONS ANSWERED.**

**Misapprehensions Concerning the Grange Corrected.**

First.—"It costs too much."  
The cost compared with the benefits is but a trifle. The revenues could not be reduced without crippling the work. Other farmers' organizations have been started on a cheaper scale, and they failed, in part at least, for want of funds.  
Second.—"Too much ceremony for busy farmers."  
Its ceremony is not cumbersome. Ceremony is akin to system, and system is essential to success in any calling. The best drilled soldier is the most efficient in battle, and the most skilled artisan draws the highest pay. The grange ritual teaches beautiful and impressive lessons throughout. None can learn them and not be made better.

Third.—"It is a secret society."  
It is a secret only in the sense of being private. It is not an oath bound society. It is no more secret than is a well regulated family or many branches of the Christian church. All of these conduct their private business in private. Were the grange less secret and less conservative it would doubtless long since have gone the way that other farmers' organizations have gone. They came into being after the grange, proposing to eliminate what their promoters called the objectionable features of the grange—ceremony, secrecy, conservatism and cost. They died, but the grange still lives.

Fourth.—"But the grange uses signs."  
Who does not? All use them because they are often more expressive and impressive than words, and because they can be seen and heard where words cannot. When any one calls at a private house he raps on the door or rings the bell. No one ever claimed that there was any moral wrong in this. Would it be wrong if by rapping a certain number of times or in a certain way he could tell to those inside who was without? What could armies, or railroad, or mines, or factories, or anybody or anything do without signs? Was not the Jewish and is not the Christian religion typical throughout? —Red Book, Pennsylvania State Grange.

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TIMBER TABLET  
In effect Monday, June 27th, 1904.

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