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Nothing in Town to Compare With
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313 Pine Street,
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Special Stocking Sale.

We'll crowd the stocking section this week with such values as these.
One case of Ladies' Fast Black full-fashioned Hose. These are not the
shapeless kind, but are knit to fit and the best quality you ever bought for
12½ cents.

One case of Children's Fast Black Ribbed Hose of extra value. We
can fit out the boys and girls with better stockings than you have been
in the habit of buying for 12½ cents.

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In handsome Persian designs and fancy stripes and figures, either
light or dark colors, especially suitable for dressing sacques or waists, at
11, 12 1-2, and 15 cents.

OUTING FLANNELS

We are showing some new styles and extra good qualities in out-
ing flannels at 8, 9, 10 and 11 cents.

TABLE LINEN

We have several pieces of two yard wide full bleached Table Linen that was \$1.25
a yard; the napkins to match this cloth have all been sold. We have reduced the
cloth to

\$1.00 a Yard.

LADIES' WRAPPERS

We've got several grades of neat styles and perfect fitting Wrappers. You
wouldn't cut and make such garments as these for the prices that we quote them—at
75c to \$1.05.

WHITE BED SPREADS.

We offer two special numbers in white Crochet Spreads that are very cheap.
They are extra large sizes and neat Marseilles patterns that are neatly hemmed
and ready for use. Price \$1.00 and 1.25. We have a fine line of better qualities at
reasonable prices.

WASH GOODS

We have just received another case of "Mandarin Silk." The first lot only lasted
a few days. This fabric is thirty inches wide and soft finish, at 8c a yard.
WOOL DRESS GOODS. We are closing out a small lot of colored Wool Dress
Goods that have been selling at 50c and 75c. They are 40 to 50 inches wide.
While the lot lasts the price will be 39 cents.

TALKING THROUGH HIS HAT.



OFFICIAL FACTS AS TO WAGES AND COST OF LIVING.

Labor Commissioner Wright's Reports Show That, While Prices of Necessaries Have Advanced, Wages Have Increased in Greater Proportion.

It is the boast of the Republican party that the success of its principles and its policies is registered in the welfare of the people and in the solidity and soundness of the government finances. Evidences of the success of Republican principles as embodied in economic laws placed upon the statute books by the party are everywhere to be found. Protection has brought prosperity because it has quickened the pulse of industry, given employment to labor and brought new life to industrial conditions, which under Democratic policies had reached the lowest stage of stagnation and decay during the period of failure and ruin which followed Democratic administration and laws from 1893 to 1897.

The convincing proof that the protective policy re-established by the Republican party in the enactment of the Dingley tariff law has brought material betterment to the industries and labor of the country is manifest to every observing man. Increased production in all lines, better prices, more employment for labor at better wages—all these things are the natural and sure attendants upon the prosperity which protection to the industries of the United States has brought to the country.

Facts in support of this contention of the friends of the protective policy have been produced by the investigation into the trend of wages and prices in the country during the past ten years. This investigation was conducted by the Hon. Carroll D. Wright, commissioner of labor in the United States department of commerce and labor. It is perfectly natural also that these nonpartisan scientific deductions regarding wages and prices should be denounced by the free trade element in the Democratic party and that from the campaign managers of that party there should at once go up shouts of derision and criticism of Colonel Wright's facts and figures. The free traders wince under the showing made for the cause of protection, and they exhibit the rage they feel and which causes them to rush in blindly with senseless criticism of these government statistics.

In the first place, let us look for a moment at just what the investigation by the labor bureau demonstrates and see if it is not squarely in accord with the facts known of all men.

The investigation covered the actual expenditures in more than three thousand families widely scattered throughout the country for food alone. It is well known that amid the general rise in prices which followed the return of good times and confidence accompanying the restoration of the protective policy by the passage of the Dingley tariff act in 1897 food prices rose more rapidly and higher than other prices. The government investigation showed that the rise in food prices averaged 15.5 per cent—that is to say, they were approximately so much higher in 1903 compared with 1896. This covers more than twenty different articles of food. During the same time, as is shown by the investigation into the changes in wages, as illustrated by the cases of more than 176,000 wage earners in all kinds of industries, chiefly the so called protected industries, the rise in wages registered 16.3 per cent higher than they were ten years previously.

Thus it is officially recorded that the sound economic principles recognized by all students of industrial conditions, better prices in a good and protected home market, increasing wages, shorter hours, more employment, greater distribution of money wages among the workers of the country—all these have been the features of the improved industrial conditions since 1897, when the Dingley tariff act, restoring protection and confidence among the people, became a law and a blessing to the people of the United States.

The Wright report hits the cause of free trade a telling blow. It is a demonstration of the practical utility, soundness and efficiency of the protective tariff law of the United States.

THE GRANGE

Conducted by
J. W. DARROW, Chatham, N. Y.
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Grange

GRANGE MEMBERSHIP.

Who Should Be Admitted to Membership in the Order.

H. E. Cook, a well known member of the Order and a farmers' institute lecturer, has a very timely article in the Tribune Farmer of recent date on the influence of the grange and who should constitute its membership:

We are frequently met by the proposition, To what extent may other occupations and professions be admitted? I took occasion recently to say at our grange meeting in the presence of so called professional men that the primary function of the Order was social, ethical and civic uplift; that so long as one-third of our population was agricultural there rested upon this Order more than the burden of purely agricultural matters, and that its influence should reach out and impregnate the life of our small country towns—aye, even the interior rural cities of the land, that are largely dependent upon country blood for municipal development—and that we welcomed these men and women from other walks of life who came with thought, culture and a proper conception of home and civic duty to our ranks, so long as the leadership, inspiration, influence and guiding light came from the farmer and the farm home. Such assimilation with the farmer—the host—is sure to lead the town man to greater charity for others and blessing to himself.

The grange passed through a period of sloughing off this professional and mercantile acquisition twenty-five years ago, because those men sought to make the Order subservient to their own selfish interests. The farmers had not at that time, however, developed that ability for leadership manifest now. If the farm influence is again permitted to give way to foreign manipulation then is our fate sealed and a period of decay must again prevail. The moment this outside influence appears as a speck upon the horizon united effort from the farmers must raze it to the earth, never to rise again. I have seen the powerful influence of the grange during the legislative season just closed as never before. Are we strong enough to maintain this effective ascendancy and continue our present growth?

Only astute and discerning leadership will enable us to answer in the affirmative. State and national grange meetings will have to be engineered away from the purely social and good fellowship side of the proposition and come to deal with problems from the cold business point of view. There must be strong men at the helm, capable of good judgment first and then the character and stamina to hold fast, not swerving from the course.

A California Grange of 600 Members.

An exchange says Orchard City grange, Campbell, Cal., has been organized little more than a year, has 600 members, meets twice each month and has good programmes. The members are mostly orchardists (hence the name) living in the vicinity of Campbell, located in one of the finest sections of Santa Clara valley, near the Santa Cruz mountains, which are beautiful the entire year. At one of the installation services of the grange for refreshments they had what they called a prune demonstration, everything but the bread being made of prunes. We almost fear that our contemporary has made a miscount. The membership is very large for a small village and for a "yearling" grange.

What the Old Lady Lost.

The grange is the great home institution of the land. In one Massachusetts subordinate grange not long ago a class of candidates contained a young man, his father and the father's mother, the latter almost eighty years old. But think of all the good things the old lady has lost by not joining before!

Henrietta (N. Y.) grange will erect a grange hall to cost over \$6,000.

Six weeks ago while Christian Heinze, 72 years old, of Shunk, was driving from that place to Forksville, the holdback snap broke and the horse shied, throwing Mr. Heinze against a tree, which he struck with his back. The injury not yielding to treatment, he was taken to the Williamsport hospital last week.

Turkey promises to be abundant and cheap for Thanksgiving this year. Last year the wet weather at the time when the broods were at their most critical period of development practically killed them all off. This summer, however the weather was cool and dry just at that period when it proved of the greatest benefit to the broods.

The post office department has made a broad and sweeping ruling requiring every railway mail clerk to give a \$1,000 bond to the United States government for the faithful discharge of his duties, and each clerk is required to personally pay the premium of each bond. The order affects 10,000 mail clerks.

Same Old Hacks.

The Democratic campaign is in the hands of the old gang of political hacks for the most part, and where the new leaders are not of that stripe they are fine examples of insiders of trust interests. It is a highly impressive campaign that is opened on our vision.—Buffalo News.

Two Men Compared.

Speaker Cannon neatly discriminates the issues when he says that Roosevelt has stood by the policy of the Republican party from first to last, while Parker has been against the system of protection and has voted for Bryanism, with its dangerous views regarding the currency.—Troy Times.

More Than Unsafe.

The chief objection urged against Theodore Roosevelt is that he is unsafe. He is more than that; he is positively dangerous to the success of the Democratic ticket.—Norwalk (O.) Reflector.

Over the Left.

When Mr. Bryan advises Democrats to vote the Parker-Davis ticket he is believed to slyly wink the other eye.—Tacoma Ledger.

A Prominent Granger Dead.

Henry H. Goff, for twenty years secretary of the New York state grange, died recently. He was elected secretary in 1879 and was also secretary of the Monroe County Fire Insurance association for some time. He would have been eighty-three years of age Sept. 20.

The New England state fair offered, as an inducement to increase the attendance of members of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, to give to the three granges outside of the city of Worcester that registered the greatest percentage of membership in the register at grange headquarters three premiums, value \$30, \$20 and \$10.

The Patrons' Fire Relief association of Cortland, N. Y., has taken under its jurisdiction thirteen towns and a part of the city of Auburn. This company has outstanding policies to the amount of \$2,000,000 at the present time. Their last year's assessment amounted to \$1 on each thousand of insurance.

Genesee County (N. Y.) Pomona grange was organized recently with 500 members. This was one of the counties in which the old grange councils were for a long time established.

No. 203, Macleary, Ore., has chosen a team to compete for the state grange prize to be given for exemplifying the first and third degrees at the next state session.

Strikes and Prosperity.

Mr. Davis, the Democratic vice presidential candidate, spoke of the strikes as evidence that the people are not prosperous. Strikes are evidence of prosperity. Men did not strike during the Democratic hard times. They had no jobs to leave. Strikers generally wait until an employer is crowded with orders or contracts. That is their opportunity. A strike under Democratic administration would have been impossible.—Jersey City Journal.

How Long?

It took the Republican party eight years to convert Parker to sound money. How long will it take him to convert the Democratic party?—Norwalk (O.) Reflector.

Hearst's Warm Support.

Mr. Willy Hearst's passionate support of Mr. Parker is evidenced by the appearance of ringing editorials on the importance of breathing air.—New York Press.

Close Friends.

Now it is announced that Candidate Davis is a close friend of Russell Sage. A man must be close to be a friend of Uncle Russell.—Washington Post.

A Popular Candidate.

Dr. E. W. Samuels, of Mt. Carmel, the Republican nominee for Congress started his career in the struggle for livelihood when a boy eight years old as a slate picker in the breaker. His education among men, through public schools and at last through a medical college has been a most excellent one. In his early days he was a warm friend and was befriended by the laboring classes and up to the present he has always held that warm greeting and interest for those who were his associates in his boyhood days.

He was born in 1857, educated in the public schools of Ashland, Schuylkill county, when after serving three years in the drug business his ambition became greater for a higher training along similar lines and he therefore entered the Jefferson Medical college, graduating with high honors in 1880. He began the practice of medicine the same year in Mt. Carmel and has continued the practice ever since up to the present time.

The Jewish New Year Day which in the Hebrew calendar is the beginning of the year 5665, fell this year on Saturday, Sept. 10, and as is customary the world over, was celebrated by the Jewish people, both in their homes and in synagogues. New Year, or Rosh Hashana, as it is called in Hebrew, marks the beginning of the penitential season and is therefore regarded as an important period in the Jewish year.

The Dushore Gazette says: "Colonel Ricketts is making arrangements to build an immense electric light plant in Luzerne county. On his lands in the vicinity of Long Pond there are a number of large swamps and he is now building dams to flood these swamps and the water will be led from these ponds to the foot of the mountain in Luzerne county in pipes, giving a fall of eight hundred feet, and furnishing power for an electric light plant from which he proposes to furnish light for the near-by towns in Luzerne and Columbia counties.

Another Conference to Name Candidate.

The conferees of the Sullivan Wyoming judicial conference, will meet at Tunkhannock Thursday, when it is expected that the business of the conference will be brought to a close. Indications point to the nomination of Charles Terry, of Tunkhannock.

The 34th annual fair at Hughesville, under the auspices of the Muncy Valley Farmers' Club, will be held September 20, 21, 22, and 23. The Hughesville fair has always been the finest held in Lycoming county, and the efforts being put forth to make that of 1904 excel, in every way, all former ones leaves no question about how good the coming one is to be. Special attractions of a first class order have been secured and there will be something doing from early morn until dewy evening. The performances in front of the grand stand taking place in the morning as well as afternoon.

The Bradford county Democratic convention in session at Towanda last week placed the following ticket in the field: For state senator, Geo. W. Kipp of Towanda; members of the legislature, J. A. Morley of Athens, J. C. Burke of Canton and Ira Finch of Windham; district attorney, S. H. Smith of Towanda; county surveyor, N. F. Welker of Athens. T. F. Carroll of Towanda was re-elected county chairman.

Mr. Rush G. Rogers of Millview, and Miss Jennie Miller of Forksville, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Wednesday, September 7th in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives. The bride and groom are among the most prominent of the young people of western Sullivan. The news item extends congratulations.

Clarence, the five-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Miller of Muncy Valley, died Friday, September 9th. The funeral was held on Sunday.

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