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### Attack on Protection Veiled Behind the Pretense That the Tariff Must Be Reduced So as to Compel the Trusts to Lower Prices.

It is perfectly evident that the purpose of the Democrats will be to conduct the coming congressional campaign as nearly on the lines of the tariff as possible without tendering a direct issue on that question. The evidence supporting this proposition is found in the preliminary speeches put forth for circulation by Democratic leaders in the house, in which they center their attack upon the protective policy by indirection and dwell more specifically upon the reports regarding sales of American goods in foreign markets at prices lower than such goods bring in the domestic markets. The fact that the aggregate sales abroad at these low prices amount to but an insignificant fraction, estimated to be possibly 30 cents on \$100 worth sold abroad and bearing but a relatively inconsequential ratio to the immense production of commodities by the prosperous mills and factories of the country, is utterly ignored by the enemies of the protective system in this onslaught upon the protective tariff.

Attention has also been called to the fact that Mr. Bryan in his utterances recently while in Germany when he was informed of the uprising of his party associates in favor of making him the nominee for the presidency again this year demonstrated that he approaches the issue of the tariff somewhat gingerly. Doubtless he recalls his free trade record in the house of representatives in 1894 and he realizes that the country will be able to find no instance of his having recanted the views he then entertained in avowed hostility to protection. Mr. Bryan, while admitting now that he is in favor of a reduction of duties on imports into the American markets, chooses to divert attention from this declaration by intimating that in his opinion the next presidential contest will be fought upon the issue of the trusts.

While this statement by Mr. Bryan will afford evidence that he is still the adroit politician which his friends have always recognized him to be, it is not a statement calculated to mislead anybody who is familiar with Mr. Bryan's record on the tariff question. It is well understood by everybody who gives thought to present economic conditions and to the political prospects of the next two years that substantially the only issue that will be raised between the Republican and Democratic parties in the campaign in 1908 will be protection versus free trade. Mr. Bryan's party will cloak its attack upon protection by a proposition to destroy the trusts by admitting foreign competing goods to the markets of the United States upon terms that certainly will be destructive to the manufacturing and producing industries of this country and demoralizing to the wage earners throughout the land, just as was the system which Mr. Bryan's party, with his aid and encouragement, accomplished with the Democratic tariff act of 1894.

### Revising the Digest.

Several changes in the digest of our Order were reported to the national grange by the committee appointed a year ago for this purpose. The suggested changes are to be printed in connection with the section or paragraphs of which they form a part and then sent to each state master for his consideration. At the next meeting of the national grange the committee will present its final report.

### CUBAN RECIPROCITY

#### PRACTICAL RESULTS OF THE FIRST SIX MONTHS.

United States Has Largely Increased Purchases, but Sales to the Island Show Little Advance—Other Nations Are the Chief Gainers.

After making repeated efforts to secure from the government officials of Cuba detailed reports regarding the imports and exports of the island during the past year the department of commerce and labor has obtained certain statistics covering the international trade of Cuba for half of the year 1904. Some facts are shown in these figures that are important as bearing upon the advantages obtained by the United States as a result of the reciprocity treaty with Cuba. So far as they go, therefore, the figures are valuable. They demonstrate the fact that if the relative increase of the trade of the United States with the island during all the year 1904, compared with the trade of other nations, shall be the same throughout the year the results would be not what the people of the United States were led to believe would flow from the reciprocity treaty. It is perhaps un fair to judge from the first half year's operations of the reciprocity treaty, yet the first results are so striking that they cannot fail to attract universal attention.

What do farmers, and particularly granger farmers, think of an agricultural paper that deems the grange of so little importance as to never give a paragraph about a farmers' organization with 800,000 members? Some of the agricultural papers will get their eyes open later on.

In addition to the recognition of superior excellence in literary work the subordinate grange in each district of the thirty-three deputies that ranks the highest in degree work will be awarded baskets and vases for grains, fruit and flowers at Cere's, Pomona's and Flora's stations. The third degree will be worked at the deputy's spring visit and the fourth at the fall inspection visit, and the score will be made by the usual rating.

There is also to be a contest between the Pomona or county granges. The basis of the competition will be on attendance and the ritualistic work of the officers and on punctuality in opening all meetings between Jan. 31 and Oct. 1, 1905, except in July and August. The Pomona grange in each of the two districts having the highest score will be awarded a set of officers' station lights under the following regulations: The regular officers will be scored by the deputy on the usual plan at the fall inspection. To this total score will be added ten points for each public and ten points for each closed session that begins at the exact minute and hour, standard time, announced in the programme and notice of the meeting. This total shall be increased by the addition of five points for the attendance of each regular officer at any one meeting in each month that may be subsequently selected by the grange. If the secretary's records do not contain the required data, no credit shall be given for that meeting. There will also be awarded to the superior grange making the highest score in each Pomona district a secretary's cabinet case under the following conditions: The deputy shall credit each grange with five points for each dollar of dues collected between Jan. 1 and Oct. 1, 1905; five points for each membership fee 500 points for the smallest amount of uncollected dues and 600 points for those granges having no uncollected dues on Oct. 1, 1905.

### A GRANGER'S DISCOVERY.

Water Grows Alfalfa, and Alfalfa Grows Stock.

In his address to the Pennsylvania state grange State Master W. F. Hill related a little incident which occurred on his return journey from the national grange meeting last November. He was crossing the arid plains of Nevada, and while his train stopped at a place called Lovelock he alighted and engaged a bystander in conversation.

"What supports this town?" asked Mr. Hill.

"Water," was the reply.

"How is that?" said Mr. Hill. "I did not know there were any Prohibitionists out here."

"Water grows alfalfa, and we feed it to stock. This winter I am feeding alfalfa and nothing else and fattening 16,000 head of cattle and 30,000 head of sheep."

Cattle, sheep, stacks of alfalfa and the good heavy soil were in evidence on every hand. Water was making an oasis of this spot—this island in the desert. Truly Uncle Sam, in this mammoth irrigating enterprise, is dealing kindly by our brethren in the arid regions of the west.

### FOURTH OF DECEMBER.

This is the Thirty-ninth Birthday of Our Order.

The 4th of December is observed in grange circles as the birthday of the Order, for on the 4th of December, 1867, the first subordinate grange in the world was organized and marked the beginning of this great organization. It is well for subordinate granges everywhere to make some observance of this event by holding a meeting in which the achievements of the grange during the thirty-nine years of existence may well constitute a prominent feature. It is an anniversary occasion and should include some entertainment as well as the historical features. Some subordinate granges have not failed to observe this event any year during thirty years of existence, a record that it would be well for other granges to adopt as their object in the future.



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