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**Charles H. Mellen's Vigorous Speech
Before the National Grange Calls
Out a Resolution.**

The president of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad was invited to address the national grange at Hartford at the public meeting held on the evening of Nov. 13. There were numerous other speeches on that occasion, but President Mellen's was the one that made his audience straighten up in their seats and take notice. He likened the attack on corporations to a drunken man's debauch, condemned the brass band methods employed, said the investigation ordered of his road was instigated by stock gamblers, asserted the holdup in Massachusetts was for the purpose of blackmail, showed that it is not a rich man's public, but the losses must be borne by every man, woman and child, and closed with a tribute to J. Pierpont Morgan and others who had so much to resent in the scant consideration their efforts in behalf of the business interests of the country had received "at the hands of those in authority" and who had put that all aside and had done so much in so short a time and so effectively.

It was a scathing speech, replete with irony and invective, and it wasn't quite rebuffed by the leaders of the grange. Had they known what President Mellen was going to say on the occasion probably he would not have appeared on the programme. What the grange thought about it may be gathered from the following resolution which was adopted at the first session held after the speech was delivered:

Resolved, That the members of the national grange do hereby with the most sincere regret and indignation condemn the statements made by all the speakers at the public reception last evening as a portion of the grange record. A railroad president was invited to speak, and the members courteously listened to his prepared address with many innocents susceptible of varied construction, some of which would place our Order before the world in a false position. The national grange, at its first session after said public meeting, desires to publicly declare it is not responsible for the statements or expressions in said address above referred to.

Resolved, That the national grange firmly and indubitably stands on its declaration of principles in opposition to all trusts or combinations that use unfair methods to exploit the people.

Resolved, That we wage no warfare against railroads or any other corporations that conduct their business along lines of fairness, and we further declare it to be the fixed and determined principle of our Order that all men or corporations, rich or poor, great or small, shall obey the laws of our country.

HON. N. J. BACHELDER.

Re-elected to the Highest Office in the Order of Patrons of Husbandry.
Hon. Naham J. Bachelder, re-elected master of the national grange, has been a prominent figure in New Hampshire politics and agriculture for several years. The old Bachelder household at East Andover, N. H., was cleared from the wilderness by his great-grandfather, and the original house was built in 1782. The farm has been in possession of the descendants of Captain Josiah Bachelder ever since, though by various purchases of adjoining land it is now an estate of 800 acres.

Worthy Master Bachelder's grange career began when he joined Highland Lake grange at East Andover, N. H., in 1877, and from 1879 to 1883 he was master of that grange; from 1883 to 1891 he was secretary of the state grange; from 1891 to 1903 he was master of the state grange; from 1899 to 1905 he was lecturer of the national grange, and two years ago at the Atlantic City session he was elected master of the national grange. He was secretary of the New Hampshire grange state fair for ten years and of the Concord state fair for three years and secretary of the New Hampshire state board of agriculture from 1887 to the present time. He was governor of the state in 1903-04. He is a thirty-second degree Mason.

As executive officer of the New Hampshire Old Home Week association he has done more than any other one person perhaps to make the Granite State the summer home for thousands and has made the abandoned farms to be once more profitable acres. Since his election to the chief office in the Order of Patrons of Husbandry he has become a familiar figure in every grange state in the Union and has promoted the interests of the grange by public addresses, by the written page and by his personal influence, particularly in Washington, so that today the Order is stronger than ever in membership and has a potential influence at state and national capitals exceeding that which it has ever before attained. Worthy Master Bachelder won a reelection on his merits.

A French Bull.
On seeing the gallantry of the Moors the commandant could not help clapping his hands and exclaiming, " Bravo!" as he advanced with his saber in one hand and his revolver in the other. —Cor. Paris Matin.

STOPPED THE YELPING.

Restland's Pesant Who Had Great Power Over Animals.

When Edmund Restland had completed his beautiful villa at Bayonne, he was on the verge of a nervous breakdown because of his inability to sleep," says a Paris paper. "The restfulness of the place, however, and the charming surroundings worked wonders, and after a few days had passed the weary writer was able to sleep, and his friends looked for his speedy return to good health. But a dog blocked the progress of the cure. One night the dog began to bark, and in a short time dogs in all directions answered, and the concert kept up until day broke. All efforts to locate the mischief making animal failed. Every night at the same time the barking began, and no one could suggest a remedy. One day one of the servants told about a ne'er-do-well in a nearby village who had great power over dumb animals—possibly he might help. He was called, a large reward was promised, and the barking ceased. A few weeks after the reward had been collected Restland was again disturbed by the dogs under the leadership of the same unknown barker. The peasant was again called, and Restland said, 'You must be well acquainted with the ways of animals to have such power over them.' The man beamed under the influence of the diplomatic flattery and proudly showed how he could imitate the whistling of birds and the noises made by animals in woods, barn or poultry yard. 'And how about dogs?' said Restland. Then the man began to bark, and immediately the voice of the arch disturber was recognized. 'That's enough,' said Restland. 'Here is a twenty franc piece. If we should hear the dogs bark again, the police will be called.' The peasant saw that he had fallen into a trap, the dogs were heard no more, and that day the writer, 'is my dog story without a dog.'

EASY HOSPITALITY.

Food Abundance in Virginia in the Seventeenth Century.

Few countries of the world have possessed so abundant and varied a supply of food as Virginia during the seventeenth century. This partly explains, writes P. A. Bruce in "Social Life in Virginia in the Seventeenth Century," the hospitable disposition of the people even in those early times. The herds of cattle, which ran almost wild, afforded an inexhaustible supply of milk, butter, cheese, veal and beef. Deer were shot in such numbers that people cared little for venison. So abundant were chickens that they were not included in the inventories of personal estates. No planter was so badly off that he could not have a fowl on his table at dinner.

Vast flocks of wild ducks and geese frequented the rivers and bays and were looked on as the least expensive portion of the food which the Virginians had to procure. Fish of the most delicate and nourishing varieties were caught with hook or net. Oysters and shellfish could be scraped up by the bushel from the bottom of the nearest inlet or tidal stream. Apples, peaches, plums and figs grew in abundance. Not only were grapes cultivated, but excellent varieties grew wild through the forest. Such an abundance of wild strawberries could be gathered that no attempt was made to raise the domestic berry. The watermelon flourished, and in hominy, the roasting ear, and corn pone the Virginians possessed articles of food of great excellence, which were entirely unknown to the people of the old world. There was produced on every plantation an extraordinary quantity of walnuts, chestnuts, hazelnuts and hickory nuts. Honey was obtainable in abundance, both from domestic bees and from hollow trees in the forest.

Bad Night For the Show.

Plotting an unknown show through a starving territory is no clutch, but I have thought out a good idea. In anticipation of each engagement I am going to call out the reserves and when they are out they will be invited in. That will help all the house.

You have heard of the various excuses for ill business—"because the night is so dark," etc. This is a lot more.

"Young man," said the local manager to the agent on his first tour, "why do you bring your troupe here on a Saturday night? Don't you know you won't do any trade?"

"What's the difference between Saturday night and any other night?" asked the agent.

"Because everybody's getting shaved."—New York World.

Too Easy.

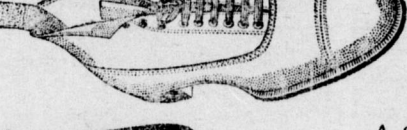
The Union bank of St. Petersburg has its own police service. One night the director was sleeping. He wondered whether the bank police were really trustworthy. He concluded to make a trial. He disguised himself and rushed, pistol in hand, into the bank vault. The police were good for nothing. They looked on quietly, while the director pocketed 2,000,000 rubles and carried them away. Since then no one has seen the director.—Stupicistinus.

His Rush.

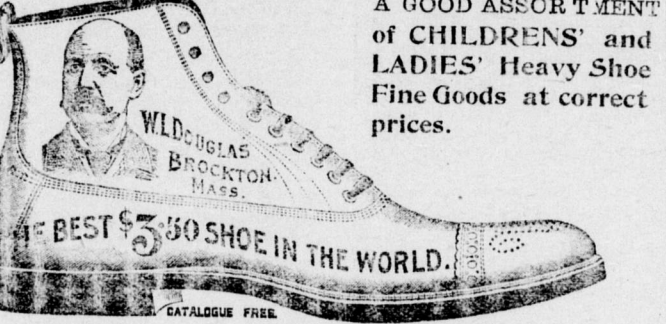
Boy (reading)—She threw herself into the river. Her husband, horror-stricken, rushed to the bank—Teacher (cutting in)—Why did the husband rush to the bank? Boy—Please, sir, to get the insurance money.—London Mail.

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