

President Thompson's View.

In his address at the meeting of the Grange last week President Thompson said:

"We western farmers cannot see that, as a class, we are benefited by a tariff on farm products. One dollar per bushel of wheat will not raise the price of wheat at home one cent. The tariff on foreign wheat, and raises our selling price a few cents, but it does not raise the price of wheat to the farmer. When our crop is short we not only have the advance price on account of the shortage to pay, but the tariff added on the imported wheat."

This shows that when Mr. McKinley told the western farmers that he was doing great things for them by putting up the tariff on wheat and corn, which are not imported into this country, they did not believe him. They did not take all their hats and thank him for his generosity. They did not suffer their children to be driven away from the higher culture he was affording in their schools and their household economies. They did not leave their homes, Indian or Chinese, and go to the United States to compete with the products of the western nation. Therefore they were not in the position to receive the opinion of McKinley and his talk."

How Protection for the Cotton.

The Alliance people of North Carolina are extremely partial to the machine system. They propose to indicate this bias by trying the legislature to pass a very important act to stop slavery and slavery. The act proposed makes it unlawful to remove beyond the limits of that state any slave system, unless the same shall have been planted in some private system held in North Carolina for at least two years prior to removal, and in case of removal it is unlawful to remove any slave system out of the state unless it is a half-breed in length, not to say of soil system under that length, and for planting in private system only. The act will also make it unlawful to take from the waters of North Carolina any system between May 1 and Oct. 1 of each year from the cultural basis, except for the purpose of returning them to be planted in some of the private system held in North Carolina. Interest in the fate of the system in North Carolina and Virginia was never before so general as now, and a wise solution of the debated plan may be expected.

What They Say.

In an interview Chairman M. Depew said: "If the Knights of Labor should make and form a political party they would only represent one idea, and it is the same with the farmers. The Alliance anything like that is done there will naturally come sharp and active and money men, who will at once begin to show with one party or the other for power in the hands of themselves. As the Farmers' Alliance, as a national body of men and women all over the country, could, by remaining non-partisan, elect members of congress or representatives of the people anywhere to carry out their plan by increasing their strength either to the one side or the other as occasion demands, the moment they enter the field as a third party they become only one corner of the triangular fight, and each one of the other parties striving with it for supremacy. So there is little doubt that the farmer, as he continues into the thing, more closely, will kill his team to carry of the different planks of the platform one by one and draw them out."

How They Who Know.

Farmers frequently do some very foolish things, for which they can give no good or substantial reason. Now, who ever heard of a medical society in visiting a farmer to deliver an address in the hospital, or of a legal fraternity calling some tiller of the soil to talk on criminal jurisprudence? We will venture that the oldest inhabitant could not tell us of a similar case. Yet at nearly every agricultural fair some lawyer or doctor, who is an ignorant of practical agriculture as the average farmer is of law, is looked for an address to farmers, to talk to them upon a subject with which they are, or at least should be, entirely familiar, and of which the speaker knows next to nothing. The farmers of this country should drop this custom, which has nothing but its antiquity to recommend it, and get some of their own class to talk to them on such occasions. —Farmer's Friend.

England was the country where the Episcopal church was founded in opposition to the Church of Rome, the country where the name of Defender of the Faith was added to the other titles of the ruler of Great Britain. Yet by a curious turn of fate London is fast becoming the financial headquarters of Roman Catholicism. Legal decisions adverse to native wealthy religious orders in France are driving these orders to take up their residence in England. Among them are the Carmelite monks, Lazarists, Christian Brothers, Sisters of Charity and Sisters of Nazareth.

A woman artist, who spent considerable time in Paris as a student and learned the most little economies of the French, wants to know why we cannot have in America the cheap wood shavings that single women, spin, wash and even families in Paris use for cooking their food with. Probably one reason is that someone is so much cheaper among us that it would not pay to make the wood shavings to cook with. But the shavings are so much cleaner and more agreeable to have around than the old that it is a pity that it cannot be had.

Men are older than as compared to women in the proportion of about 19 to 1. This fact reveals curious corroboration in an examination of 400 Chinese women and the same number of men for color blindness. Of the 1,300 examined 19 men and 1 woman were color blind. Thirteen of the men were completely green blind. Only a colorless spot appeared where the green was. The question why men are older blind frequently and women so seldom is to be put along with the query why men hammer and women seldom do.

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