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### WHAT DOES IT MEAN.

The recently promulgated Democratic platform vaguely says in its 19th statement of proposition declarative of purpose; "We favor liberal trade arrangements with Canada, and with other countries, where they can be entered into with benefit to American agriculture, manufacturing, mining or commerce."

Here is a proposition, if it means anything, means a recast of all present arrangements where by our entire foreign commerce is carried on. This foreign trade in 1903 aggregated \$2,445,860,916 being a per capita of \$29.86 to the whole population. This is a big undertaking and can have but a disturbing influence if it has any.

The public whose business plans are thus threatened with a recast on such a sweeping scale have a right to know just what the "we," who are going to do the big job mean by "liberal trade arrangements" and that same "We" means by benefit

to American Agriculture, manufacturing and mining, but as to these it has no advice.

The public is left in absolute ignorance as to what the Democrats will do in attempting to carry out the trade arrangement with foreign countries. The proposition can only mean that when the Democrats get in power it will notify all the countries with which we trade that it wants to do some bargaining. This bargaining will be carried on by the secretary of state and an appointee of the president, and when a bargain has been agreed upon it will be formulated into a treaty. In this stage for the first time it will reach the eye of the law makers, and then behind closed doors in the secrecy of an executive session of the United States senate.

The proposition is, if any meaning can be affirmed to the string of words in statement 19 is that the business now conducted in the three great industries of the people in the United States shall be placed in the jeopardy inseparable from diplomatic manipulation conducted with impenetrable secrecy, for the most part in foreign courts.

The magnitude of the interests involved in proposition 19 of the Democratic platform is an insuperable argument against it. It is a proposition to place in the hands of the president, with power to confer in secret with the treaty making powers of the world and bargain as to on what terms our people can do business with other nations. Let us cite some figures to show the enormous power the Democrats would place in the hands of their president to be exercised in secret. In 1903 Agricultural exports from the farms of the United States amounted to \$873,322,882, and the exports from our manufacturers was \$407,526,159, worth.

It takes neither prophet nor philosopher to foresee the effect upon the business activity of the nation that will be produced when it is known that the established arrangements by which this large volume of business has been conducted for years of unpaired prosperity is about to be changed, or even that a proposition for some sort of a change is being secretly considered by our president and foreign courts. The darkness that will surround the proceedings will be doubly black when there secret bargainings are being conducted by a president whose private opinions, if he has any, are unknown, and the platform on which he was elected is a string of platitudes and nebulous expressions, that say nothing definitely and with such precision as not to bind any

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