
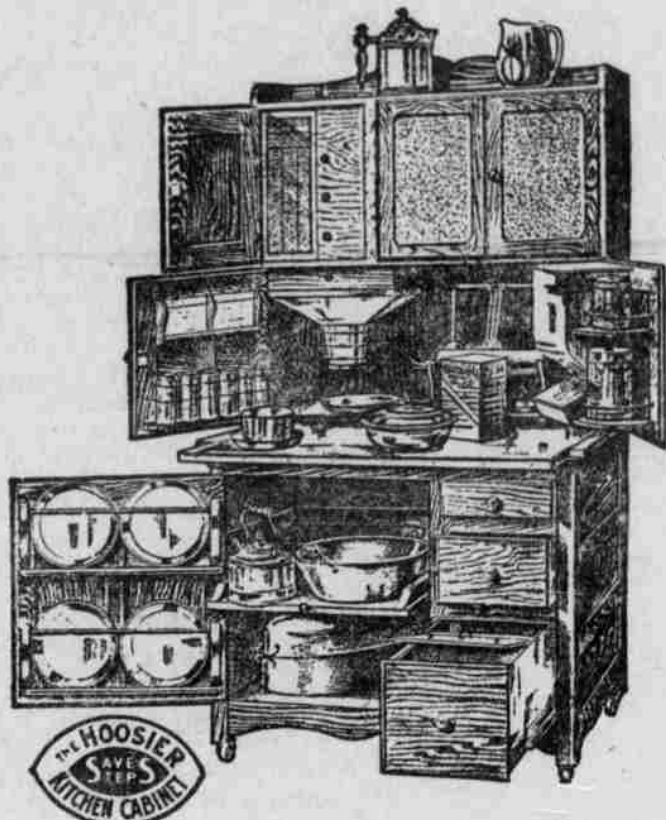


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FARMER LEGISLATORS

Are Farmers Qualified to Serve
in Legislative Bodies?

A Thoughtful Article on a Very Timely Subject, in Which the Writer Maintains That the Farmer is Eminently Well Qualified to Serve His Fellows in Lawmaking.

(Special Correspondence.)

First.—Is the average farmer qualified to act as a legislator? I have discovered in life that we know most about the business in which we are faithfully engaged. If this is true the farmer knows most about the farm. He is, as a rule, a man of sound common sense, honest and has a pretty clear vision of the needs of his own vocation. He is accustomed to look into matters very closely, as the income of his family depends so much upon the judgment he shows in his affairs. These traits make him eminently well fitted to serve his fellows in the making of such laws as would best conserve the interests of the agricultural class.

The farmer of today is often as well educated and is as wide a reader as his professional brother. While his hours of labor are often longer than the city man's, yet tradespeople, physicians and men of most professions in the town not only have hours as long or longer, but, in addition, have the lure of the club and the play to attract as well as a wide round of social functions to respond to, all of which take time. He reads little except the papers. His farmer brother is more accustomed after the day's duties are done to remain with the family and take time to inform himself upon all the events of the day as well as to store his mind with better things of the magazines and periodical literature.

Second.—If it is desirable to have farmer legislators and capable men can be found, why are they not elected?

Because, as a rule, the farmer has been so busy attending to his own affairs that he has not taken time to become a part of "the machine" and has cared little for the intrigues which make a man capable of pulling the right wires to win in caucuses and carry delegations. He may be depended upon to do the right thing for his party when the party puts up good men, but he may not be a "factor to be dealt with and who must be conciliated." The politician knows which way to throw plums to keep the men in line who must be reckoned with to make the party win. The farmer vote has always been regarded as sure. Politicians feel sure of that any time.

Two men, commenting upon the wit of nationalities as they rode along the highway one day, agreed to prove the assertion of one that the Irishman was the wit of the race. They accordingly rode up to the fence, near which a typical son of Erin was working, and said, "Pat, if the devil should come along here and could take his pick of us three, which one would he take?" Without a minute's hesitation Pat replied, "He would take me." "How do you make that out?" they asked, to which Pat promptly replied, "Sure and he's certain of you two fellows any day." The politicians have felt sure of the farmer vote any day. They have conciliated the lawyer, merchant and man of every rank, whether of high order of manhood or not, to get his influence, but the farmer has been chosen because they did not feel they needed to recognize him to keep his vote.

Third.—Should the grange endeavor to secure a larger representation of farmers in the state and national legislatures?

I am not sure that I have a decided opinion on this point. The country would be better served if the men who come closest in contact with the tilling of the land were to form a more considerable part of its legislative bodies. I am quite certain, however, that the grange, state and national, should as an organization back men is a question of some doubt in my mind. We should certainly do all we can to create a sentiment in favor of farmer representation and as individuals see to it that we use all our influence and power to bring to pass such results.

S. L. STRIVINGS,
Wyoming County, N. Y.

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