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LOCKS AND DAMS IN THE OHIO.

"Savoyard," the Washington correspondent... in the last of his syndicated letters... gives an interesting account of the work of Congressman Stanley, of Kentucky, in behalf of the portion of the lock and dam system on the Ohio River which affects his district.

The Panama canal will cost \$50,000,000 before it is finished, and as an artery of commerce it will be worth to the American people less than one-tenth the benefit they would derive from the expenditure of \$25,000,000 to improve the Ohio river upon the plan laid down by the board of engineers of the army.

The Ohio river has numerous tributaries, the Allegheny, the Monongahela, the Kanawha, the Muskingum, the Kentucky, the Green, the Cumberland, the Tennessee and the Wash-back representing navigable waters 3,500 miles in extent, bearing freights aggregating 7,500,000 tons per annum.

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The products that come out of Green river are as varied as they are abundant—coal, lumber, including walnut, oak, hickory, ash, gum, beech, elm and poplar, tobacco, corn, wheat, oats, potatoes, all the vegetables, catfish, mules, hogs, sheep, staves, hubs, rams, spoked, poultry, eggs, and fruit, amounting in all to one million tons per annum.

Of course when Congress embraced the policy of canalizing the Ohio work had to begin at Pittsburg and make its way down, though that was a mistaken notion. It would have been worth many times the cost of the whole thing had bonds been sold and all the fifty-four dams constructed at once.

The fact is little understood in this country that "protection" in Great Britain means protection for the product (wheat) of the lands of the landowners, and, consequently, of the tenants who till them.

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BOYS' CORN CONTEST.

To the Editor of the Observer: Raleigh, January 22, 1910. As has already been announced, the Board of Agriculture at its December meeting appropriated \$500 for premiums to Boys' Corn Club contestants.

"Not over one-third of the land of Great Britain is put to its best use. The remainder is held out for sports and amusement purposes or for speculation."

"Twenty years' continuous possession of land thus dishonestly obtained vests a title in the man who has appropriated it. One may find all through England, where this has been done, and see where the old fence lines were and where the new ones have added acres dishonestly to those who built them."

"There is every reason to believe there are a half million people practically on the verge of starvation in London alone. What will the buds do for them? It will furnish the British government an illimitable reservoir from which it can draw resources for the public needs and lift the burdens from the shoulders of the people."

"The taxes arising from the revaluation of land, it is confidently asserted by thinking men, will furnish all the revenues and exempt the land from other taxes."

"I predict as the outcome of the present election that the liberals will win in with 224 members, the Irish nationalists with 83, and the labor party with 49, against 214 for the conservative."

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