

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

from our Special Correspondent Clyde H. Taverner.

Washington, May 29.—Although standpat Republicans proclaim that practically every farmer in the land is against reciprocity, the fact is that the demand for reciprocity originated with farmers organizations and the agricultural press of the nation.

Congressman Ralph W. Moss of Indiana, a farmer himself, and one of the best friends of the farmers occupying a seat in the halls of Congress, established this fact beyond successful contradiction in a strong speech delivered on the floor of the House. Mr. Moss cinched his argument by presenting resolutions of farmers organizations in which they pledged themselves to work for reciprocity.

"The great national movement among the farmers of the United States to advance reciprocal legislation began," said Mr. Moss, "with a meeting held in the Grand Pacific hotel in Chicago in 1905. There were present at that meeting delegates representing the National Live Stock Association, American Short Horn Association, National Live Stock Exchange, Millers' National Federation, and other great producing and exporting interests.

"It was decided to hold a national conference to advance reciprocal tariff legislation. Alvin H. Saunders was chosen as the leader of the movement. Who is A. H. Saunders? He is a member of the tariff board appointed by President Taft. Saunders was at that time the editor of the Breeder Gazette the most influential and widely read farm journal in the United States. Mr. Saunders issued a signed statement as to the purposes of the conference. He declared his willingness to cooperate with the specific understanding that the interests of the farmers and stock growers should be paramount.

"It is time," declared Mr. Saunders in his signed statement that somebody should take up the cudgels against those who for selfish purposes destroyed Blaine's reciprocity conventions, and are still barring the American stockmen and grain growers from a large and lucrative outlet for their goods. The fight for better markets worth unknown millions per year to the farming communities will not be won in a week or a year. It means a battle royal against entrenched power, but it will be won because it is right."

Mr. Moss went on to show that the conference was attended by more than 600 delegates, representing every principal agricultural organization in the nation, and that at the close of the meeting the following resolution was passed:

"That we recommend that a permanent organization be formed under the style of the Reciprocal Tariff League, and that a committee of 15 be appointed to organize and further the work for which this convention was assembled."

Mr. Moss expressed the belief that when reciprocity could be put directly to the real farmers of the country, it would develop that they are for it, and that the alleged hostility of the farmer exists only in the minds of the paper manufacturers and lumber barons.

English Etchings.

London's newest music hall seats 4,000 persons.

Female labor on the farms of England has almost disappeared.

No horse has ever succeeded in winning the five classic races—the Derby, Oaks, St. Leger, One Thousand and Two Thousand Guineas.

"To tell the truth, the 'wholesale' truth and nothing but the truth," was the oath taken by a witness in a London court. Mr. Cluer, the magistrate, suggested that truth, even retail, would be accepted.

Town Topics.

New York burglars took a safe out into the street to blow and ride it. It must have been Wall street.—Detroit Journal.

Boston now leads Philadelphia as a port, and the axis of the universe sticks out of the gilded dome on Beacon Hill a little higher.—New York World.

The ratio of population to bathtub in St. Louis is 14 to 1. There's no heaven born quality about that ratio it ought to diminish. It is diminishing.—St. Louis Republic.

Facts From France.

A good glove cutter in Paris can make nearly \$100 a week.

In France there is a society for the suppression of big game hunting called the Friends of the Elephant.

The French academy has not yet decided on the gender of the word radioactivity, but it is settled that automobile is masculine.

In the whole of France there are only two official guillotines. Both are kept in Paris, but one is reserved for executions in the provinces.

Flower and Tree.

The cultivated hyacinth is a native of Persia and Asia Minor.

The trees which are used in the government work of reforestation are grown at eight government nurseries in the western forest reserves.

From New Guinea comes a new orchid shaped like a cradle and found in a recent orchid hunting expedition in the island. The flower has a white margin, with reddish chocolate markings and a yellow lip.

State Lines.

Oklahoma has the greatest Indian population of any of the states.

In the number of its mineral species North Carolina is said to exceed any other state in the Union.

It is only thirty years since California fruit began to be sent east. Last year 35,000 carloads were sent.

In the state of Washington 27 per cent of the area is still in reservations, the greater extent being of forestry reserves.

Tales of Cities.

A new sewer at Baltimore is so large that an automobile has been run through it.

There were fewer deaths to the thousand of population in Philadelphia last year than ever before in the city's history.

New York is making a rapid growth from its internal increase of population alone. Recent statistics show the death rate to be 73,000 a year, while the birth rate is 126,800. That means an increase of 53,800.

A Change.

Mrs. Maxwell—How hatefully Mr. Klearing and his young wife treat Mrs. Joyne! Before their marriage they thought there was no one like her.

Mr. Maxwell—Probably they realize now more fully than they did during their courtship that Mrs. Joyne was their matchmaker.—Vancouver Daily Province.

A Good One.

Pretty good world.  
Take it low, take it high.  
It's rollin' in joy  
Round the blue o' the sky.

Pretty good world,  
And we're singin' it so,  
And still to the sweet fields  
Of Eden we go!

—Atlanta Constitution.

The Steady Job.

"So you think worry kills more people than work?"

"I'm sure of it," replied the sarcastic scientist.

"Why?"

"Because so many people find it easier than work and devote their time to it."—New York Journal.

The Squirrel's Escort.

Said the squirrel in the top of the big tall tree.

"Yes, living is high, but it can't hurt me. For I have a secret for keeping it low. And it's all in a nutshell, don't you know?"

—Christian Monitor.

Making the Punishment Fit the Crime.

"A little while ago I saw a man torturing a live lobster while an agent of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was watching him."

"What happened then?"

"Well, then he got pinched."—Chicago Tribune.

Lo! The Poor Man.

Lo! Man is few of years and full of one darn thing after another. In the rosy days of his youth he goes forth to conquer some fair maid. Life to him hath resemblance. He buyeth the flowers and his outflow of wealth goeth a long way toward creating profitable industries, such manufacture fine confections and bon-bons. Alas! He conquereth nothing! He is captivated, captured, fettered and bound with the bonds of matrimony. Alas! His latter days are full of privations and excuses for not coming home early and often, and the penalty is pushing the lawn mower at early morn and putting out the barrel by the pale light of the moon. Woeful is man that the beginning is romance and the end is reality.—Wilmington Star.

Many a man who brags about being a "wheel horse" simply has wheels in his cranium.

President Taft refused Wednesday to pardon bankers Morse and Walsh, who were convicted under the Federal laws of mismanagement of two national banks.

An officer of the Bavarian army was in a captive balloon near Ingolstadt, Wednesday, when it broke from its mooring and he was carried up 16,500 feet before he could open the safety valve. He came to earth almost unhurt.

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