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:-: Washington News :-:

Senator Raynor, of Maryland, spoke in favor of election of senators by the people.

The house declined to increase the salary of the secretary to the president, which salary is now \$6,000.

The senate passed the bill providing for the purchase of forest reserves in the eastern states.

Senor Don Francisco Borda, minister to the United States from Colombia, declared in a letter to the Pan-American conference, at Washington, that, by the completion of the Panama canal, the United States would become mistress of the strategic center of the world and the foremost nation of the globe.

A balance of trade of over \$363,000,000, in favor of the United States against foreign creditors, is shown by the department of commerce and labor. This is a new record for trade with foreign nations and is said to be largely due to the high price of cotton.

The government has taken action to prevent further expeditions from New Orleans and other gulf points, against South American republics, and a grand jury investigation has been ordered in connection with the sailing of the gunboat Hornet several weeks ago for Honduras to become a rebel flagship.

A Washington correspondent for the Denver News, says that republican leaders favor holding their 1912 convention at Denver, believing that it will help bring back western states.

Representative Bennet, of New York, one of the republicans who voted against Canadian reciprocity, introduced in the house, a resolution requesting the president to enter into negotiations with the British government looking to the annexation of Canada by the United States. The resolution was referred to the committee on foreign affairs.

A Washington correspondent to the Louisville Courier-Journal, says: In speaking of his resolution Mr. Bennet insisted that he was both

serious and sincere. He declared that to his mind annexation was the logical result to be looked forward to, following reciprocity. Mr. Bennet declared the reciprocity measure passed by the house, was not equitable, and would not please the majority of the people. For instance, he said, it placed wheat on the free list, but kept a duty on flour; it put cattle on the free list, but maintained a duty on meat and meat products. Mr. Bennet, who is from New York city, asserted that city people wanted benefits from finished products. He insisted he would ask for consideration of his resolution by the committee on foreign affairs, of which he is a member. Several members of congress, who favored the reciprocity bill, expressed the opinion that the Bennet resolution is calculated to prejudice the two countries against final approval of the agreement.

The Sutherland amendment to the resolution providing for the election of senators, which amendment is being pushed by a republican leader, provides for control of senatorial elections in the states by congress and federal authorities.

Speaking in the senate in favor of election of senators by the people, Senator Borah, republican, of Idaho, said that the north has played the hypocrite toward the negro. He added: "The negro has been used as a political football about as long as our sense of decency and his developing intelligence will permit."

The house of representatives was kept in continual session for several days by a filibuster against the omnibus claims bill. The filibuster was commenced and maintained by Mann, of Illinois. He was opposed to the old French spoliation claims and the navy-yard over-time claim.

Representative McCall, of Massachusetts, has given out an interview in which he declares that if the reciprocity bill does not pass the president will call an extra session.

N. J. Bachelder, of Concord, N. H., national master of the National Grange, has written a letter to Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, attacking the Canadian reciprocity treaty and saying: "The sole question before the American people is whether we shall have a free trade in all farm products and high protection for manufactured articles."

Senator Bailey, of Texas, defended Lorimer, of Illinois, in his speech in the senate.

The senate passed the bill appropriating \$2,000,000 a year for the purchase of land for forest reserves in eastern states, and especially in the White mountains and southern Appalachians.

The Gallinger ocean mail subsidy bill to establish lines of steamers to South America, Australia and the Orient, already passed by the senate, is hanging in the balance in the house committee on postoffices.

A resolution instructing Kansas representatives and senators in favor of the Canadian reciprocity treaty, was passed by the lower house of the state legislature.

The house adopted a resolution excluding Walter J. Fahy from the privilege of the house for ten days for his recent altercation with Rep-

resentative Macon, of Arkansas. Fahy is a newspaper correspondent.

Macon, of Arkansas, in a speech in the house, opposed the proposition to give honor to Captain Peary, and called him a fakir.

President Taft appointed Victor M. Locke, of Antlers, Okl., to be principal chief of the Choctaw na-

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