

the Kentucky standbys and dilates with much eloquence on those favorite topics of Kentucky's silver-tongued—to wit, the state's beautiful women, wonderful horses and unparalleled whisky.

"Why, it would be as reasonable, Mr. Chairman," he shouted, "to leave the Garden of Eden and send an expedition to the North Pole in search of fruits and flowers, or to dispatch a cordon of guardian angels from the pearly parapets of Paradise to the region of the damned for good society, as to leave Kentucky in the hunt for a horse! You can not depend on any of your finespun theories about the developing of a running horse in a rarefied atmosphere. A horse does not run on his lungs; a statesman can!"

They laughed and applauded so much at that time it was several minutes before Stanley could continue.

"A horse must have something more than a capacity to blow in order to get there," he continued. "He must have bone as hard as flint, sinews of steel, a heart that will not brook defeat; he must possess compactness of body, splendid endurance, pride and strength, with audacity and docility. In a word, he must be of that regal line found first on the plains of Arabia and then on the green fields of Kentucky. The history of Kentucky comprises the history of the horse."

He had them going then, and the Kentuckians were cheering like a lot of undergraduates at a football match.

"You'll next be telling me—you who think the world has gone west—that you will have to put a woman in cold storage on the top of a mountain in order to improve her complexion and that beautiful women are no longer indigenous to Kentucky. You will be telling me it takes that rarefied atmosphere to make a proper brand of moonshine. Now you may claim what you will for the west, for the north, for the east or for the south; but for women and for the horse I challenge the world for Kentucky!"

Then he went along and made a serious speech telling them what they should do to get the right sort of cavalry horses. That is a fair sample of Stanley's line of spell-binding goods. He has an excellent voice and a skillful delivery; and in some parts of Kentucky they think "A. O." is the greatest orator since the first flock of Kentucky's silver-tongued ones scattered rhetoric in those parts. "Pearly parapets of Paradise!" isn't so bad either. When he gets to the senate and lets go a few of those they will all sit up and take notice.—Saturday Evening Post.

THE HARVESTER TRUST

W. H. Green in Creighton (Neb.) Liberal: So many inquiries have been received from farmers, manufacturers and others for our guess on the harvester trust situation since our return from Washington that we print those lines to save writing so many letters. That politics is behind nearly all of the sudden agitation against this trust is obvious to any one able to see through a rail fence. The International Harvester company are three times more powerful today than they were four

years ago when the evidence now to be used was first secured.

As one spoke in the great "system" the implement trust have the large banks trembling in fear of their disfavor; they have an airtight muzzle on ninety per cent of the trade papers and the metropolitan press; independent manufacturers sneeze when the trust takes snuff; therefore the department of justice to begin a vigorous prosecution at this time calls for a summing up of the causes.

President Taft is daily cautioned that the Canadian reciprocity pest has poisoned the minds of many republican farmers. The harvester trust reaches nearer the farmers vitals than any other and the appearance of drastic measures against this organization would appeal strongly to radical men in the west.

The experts in charge of the government investigation have the disposition and the ability to carry on a vigorous prosecution. Mr. Edwin P. Grosvenor, special assistant to Attorney General Wickersham, and Mr. Joseph R. Darling, special agent of the department of justice, are men of extraordinary capacity and experience. It will not be the fault of those men if this investigation and prosecution is not thorough.

The democratic congress is in a different position. The harvester trust has been one of its bitterest enemies. Mr. Bryan has always said that a monopoly was indefensible. Senator La Follette expresses his views on the trust question by saying that if the United States government were to confiscate one half of the entire property of the Standard Oil company and turn the same over to the commonwealth it would be doing an act of justice.

When congress meets again in December the tory guard in the senate will be in the minority and Senator La Follette and Mr. Bryan will be in complete control and we look for the congressional investigation of the harvester trust to unearth some facts which the American people will make good use of in the reorganization of the commercial policies to govern the future.

AN AVERAGE MAN'S OPINION

This paper is in no sense a party organ but it must report as a matter of truth, demonstrated by the facts, that the democratic house of congress, now adjourned, not only accomplished some good things but did all it could to cut down the high cost of living. On its tariff reduction measures it compromised with the senate all it honorably and reasonably could, but its measures were vetoed by President Taft.

The democratic house stands before the people as of indisputable record for reduction of the cost of life's necessities to the poor man. President Taft stands before the people as the one who blocked such reforms. This is fact. It is in no sense partisanship to so present the situation.

The house makes no excuses for its inability to do something for the trust-ridden consumers. Mr. Taft has his excuses for his vetoes. But the ordinary man will simply see that the democratic house has been for and the republican president against the consumer.

The democratic house made possible Canadian reciprocity, campaign publicity and other legislation of a minor nature. Its investigation of the trusts have educated the whole people. It has proved itself to be a well organized, mighty force aligned for men rather than dollars.

The only thing President Taft has got out of the session is indorsement of his Canadian reciprocity deal, a measure which he himself admits is only for "better relations." He is

before the country today as one opposed to reduction of the high cost of living, opposed to reductions that he himself pronounced "indefensible," and hence robbery of the people.

So far as politics is concerned, the democratic house could afford to adjourn, and if William Howard Taft

doesn't have his political troubles during the next eight months, we're no judge of thunder and lightning.—Seattle (Wash.) Star.

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