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LIAN BYRD - - - - MARAPA

The new tariff bill is principally framed in the interest of manufacturers. The wool growers have been given all they asked for, but it is doubtful if the very high duties proposed on [wools will be of much advantage to them, because they will not be able to central the price. That will be fixed by the big buyers and speculators. Even if the wool growers receive some little benefit, it will be small in companson with the vast aggregate increased cost of woolen goods to consumres. As for other agricultural interests, all talk of their protection by a tariff law is simply absurd. Duties on agricultural products are merely a "sop to cerberus," a "tub to a whale," a patronizing pat on the back which the sharper gives to the flat with one hand while he picks his pocket with the other. But the bill might be worse; it will be well to pass it at once and be done with it .- Welcome.

Hon. Binger Hermann ought to make an efficient commissioner of the general land office, having had much experience in that line of official work. Coming from the West he is posted on the needs of this section of the country in which are situated most of the public lands, and this should be of benefit to him in the administration of the office. Mr Hermann's appointment will be generally approved in this state.

The action taken by the various stock associations in the counties tributary to the Cascade timber reserve, in sending a delegate to Washington to properly present the matter to congress with regard to allowing stock to graze on the reserve, is a good move. Over 40,000,000 acres have now been withdrawn for forest reserves, and unless some of it is thrown open it will cause a large amount of damages to thousands of people in all the Rocky mountain and Pacific coast states.

It is not surprising that colleges and other educational institutions should be sending protests to congress against that clause of the new McKinley tariff bill which will put a stop to the free entry of books for the use of educational establishments. If protests would do any good they would be poured in against almost every item in the bill.

The democrats, populists and silver republicans of Michigan are working in perfect unison, and have nominated the same candidates for sumpreme judge and regents of state institutions to be veted for at the coming election in that state.

Some of the left-over appropriation bills were rushed through the house at a rate of about a million dollars a minute.

April I would have been a more appropriate date for the house to pass the tariff bill than March 31