

CLEVELAND AND THE TARIFF

Retreating From the Position Taken in His Message.

THROWING A SOP TO TAMMANY.

Indications that the Mills Bill May Soon Get to a Vote—Senator Culver's Plans—Washington Brevities.

Growing Alarmed.

WASHINGTON HERALD THE OMAHA BEER, 315 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., July 5. The president's letter to Tammany has been the subject of much comment to-day. In the first place it is pretty generally designated as the plea of a politician and partisan for votes. Secondly, it is interpreted as hedging on the tariff question to a degree which was not expected of a man who, seven months ago, wrote a bold and free trade message. His association with the party are not free traders and are ridiculed by republicans, and even democrats when it is mentioned. It is generally thought that the president has finally become aware that his and his party's anti-protection platform and policy have scared the protection democrats in the east to such an extent that his re-election has become rather doubtful. The first manifestation of this fear is considered to be the re-election of Barnum, the Connecticut protectionist, to be chairman of the democratic national committee, which was a clear concession to the protection element of the east. A few months ago Barnum was considered out of the question for the place, but the attitude of the protection democrats forced Cleveland to change his tactics. Barnum is to have the platform interpreted in the east to suit the views of voters. Now Cleveland's letter is, in the opinion of leading republicans, nothing but an effort to hedge on the tariff, but he and his party have so strongly committed themselves to an anti-protection policy, which is equivalent to free trade, that nothing that they now can do to obscure the leading issue will succeed. This is the opinion of republicans generally and some democrats agree with them.

Congressman Cannon, of Illinois, said this morning: "I believe a vote will be taken on the tariff bill between July 15 and the 1st of August. I have no positive information on the subject. The policy of the republicans has not been one of obstruction, but the democrats have been the ones to obstruct. The republicans have only insisted that a free discussion of the bill shall be had. When the bill is taken up, I do not discuss the various items in which their constituents were interested, they would vote on the bill as they saw fit, away from the middle of August."

There is some encouragement for an early passage of the tariff bill. The informal conference of the committee of ways and means this morning at which there was a disposition on the part of the republicans to vote as they saw fit, and to give an assurance that there would be no diatribe tactics or unnecessary time occupied in the discussion of the bill. Reed and McKinley said that the discussion of the bill ought to be concluded within the next ten days, and the date Monday, the 16th of July. There is no more doubt that the democrats will show a sufficient majority to pass a vote on the bill. It is believed that there may be a few like Mr. Randall, Mr. McAdoo and Mr. Foran, of Ohio, who will vote with the republicans, but they will not vote for the bill. The senate committee on finance heard the chemical matters to-day and are having arguments submitted, both orally and in writing, from representatives of the industry. They will be ready to report a bill within a week or ten days after receiving the house bill, or at least the 1st of August, which is the date in that body will begin. The action of the senate can be readily anticipated. It has been conferred to the committee on the 1st of August, no longer a matter of conjecture. The plan is to patch up the present customs laws in spots where they are very faulty, to make a few amendments, to remove the tax from tobacco, and alcohol and to add to the bill provisions which will be added to the bill over which the financial committee has been laboring so long to prevent and punish the adulteration of merchandise in the New York appraiser's office.

SENATOR CULLUM'S PLANS. Senator Cullum, of Iowa, is to-day for the first time since the Chicago convention, but looks far from well and feels badly. He gave notice that he will call up the bill to amend the interstate commerce act on Monday next, when a long and interesting debate is likely to ensue. No action has yet been taken on the bill. It is believed that the place telegraph companies under the jurisdiction of the interstate commerce commission, and it is not probable that there will be any this session.

THE PRESIDENT "TALKS BACK." If any one supposed that President Cleveland would be so reticent in his pension notice to be sent to congress to-day shows that it was a mistake. He is disposed to defend his acts, with as much vigor as if he was not in the case. He has written a letter to answer the report written by Senator Davis of Minnesota, and presented it to the senate by the pension committee on pensions reviewing the pension votes and condemning them. It was an unprecedented act on the part of the president. So far as the pension committee can remember it was never done before and there is a great deal of talk about the inability of Mr. Cleveland to respect the pension vote of his office and the precedents attending it. It has been the custom in the past for the president to speak through some party or other in a case like this, as on the floor of either house of Congress, as Grant was defended by Conkling and Morton when they were assailed by Trumbull, Sumner and Schurz and each president had his spokesman whose words by an unwritten law, have been received as authoritative. But Mr. Cleveland differs from his predecessors in a great many respects and his chief characteristic which invites the attention of the public is his independence and self-reliance. It is to do his talking in his own way and not depend upon a spokesman. While his message is unprecedented in its character, it is not unprecedented in its content. It is a presidential message in a peaceful manner and with most favorable arguments.

MISCELLANEOUS. James E. Boyd of Omaha if at Arlington. Vermont D. Loken of Iowa was to-day promoted from \$1,000 to \$1,200 clerkship in the pension office. Miss Anna Whitmore left this city to-day for Arkansas and Nebraska, where she will spend the summer. The president has approved the act authorizing the sale of the Winnebago reservation in Nebraska. Senator Padlock will go his home at Howell on business about the return of Senator Manderson the first of next week. An attempt will be made in the house to-morrow to pass the bill providing for the sale of Fort Omaha and the purchase of a new site.

ARMY MATTERS. WASHINGTON, July 5.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—Private Walter Smith, Troop P, Ninth Cavalry, now with his troop, is discharged from the service of the United States. The retirement from active service this

PROBLEMS OF GOVERNMENT.

Senator Manderson's Fourth of July Address at Crete.

A PERFECT JAM OF PEOPLE.

In Spite of the Intense Heat the Speaker Has a Very Large Audience—Other State News.

The Crete Chautauque.

ASSEMBLY GROUNDS, CRETE, Neb., July 5.—(Special to THE BEE.)—Long before the appointed hour yesterday afternoon the vast pavilion was densely packed with people who had come early with a view to obtaining good seats for Senator Manderson's address. So many people had been actuated by the same motive that for once there were no late arrivals. Those who came to the meeting sat in the seats in the sultry pavilion and crowded closely together to make room for those who persisted in wedging themselves into the benches after they were already too crowded for comfort. Those who came late jammed themselves together in the aisle, where they would obstruct the view of others, or stood in single phalanx across the aisles of the pavilion and craned their necks to get a view of the interior. In the words of an old gentleman who leaned against a post in the aisle and vigorously fanned his flushed face with his broad-brimmed hat, "it was a very sweltering day." There was a great flourish of fans, papers, hats and anything that could be had to produce a cooling effect. The official breeze this created rendered existence in the crowded pavilion a little more tolerable. Senator Manderson was conducted to the pavilion by a procession composed of the bands, the Knights, the Patriarchs Militant and the G. A. R. As the members of the procession filed into the places reserved for them in the center of the pavilion, Dr. Palmer's chorus of 500 voices sang with spirit, "When Johnnie Comes Marching Home." Senator Manderson, Commander Henry, Dr. Duryea, ex-Governor Dawes and President Foss occupied places upon the platform. The session was opened by prayer by Dr. Duryea, of Boston.

With a few appropriate remarks President Foss introduced Senator Manderson whom the audience greeted with an outburst of applause. Having spoken a few introductory words Senator Manderson began the oration of the day. It was a review of the early history of the country, a review in fact, of all the leading events from the time of the colonization to the present. He reviewed the late war, in which he played no small part, Senator Manderson referred to the battle flags, and said: "I wish that instead of the bright new bunting with which you have decorated your assembly grounds and that add such beauty and glory to this festive occasion, I could bring before you a number of battle flags whose tattered folds and splintered staffs would tell with mute eloquence the story of the stout arms that carried them aloft in many a dreadful battle; of the brave hands which seized them at the close of the day; of the men who were weary and whose feet were sore, and yet on to victory."

In speaking of the grave questions now needing consideration, Senator Manderson gave particular attention to the labor problem and to the question of governmental reform. He reviewed the progress of the country, and gave a rapid sketch of what the past century may possibly have in store for us. At the close of the address the vast audience gave the distinguished speaker three hearty cheers and then sang "The Star Spangled Banner." The audience, and especially the G. A. R. boys, joining in the chorus with much energy and spirit. All the regular exercises of the afternoon were dispensed with in honor of the national holiday. After the address a large percentage of the 5,000 people who were on the grounds took themselves to the grove by the river to listen to an open air concert that was given by the Crete orchestra. The orchestra of the Crete orchestra of the state department of the G. A. R. Eleven excellent selections were rendered in a manner that aroused the admiration and applause of the great audience.

All afternoon the grove by the river was a sight to behold. It was a scene of merriment and joy. The people who were enjoying themselves in a variety of ways. Every tree supported one or more hammocks, and every hammock supported one or more persons. Everybody has long known that the hammock is a modern picnic indispensable, but probably very few have known that it is a necessity of this indispensable, and every one who goes to the grove by the river to enjoy the concert and the music of the Crete orchestra, and "The Bell of the Blue" made any number of voyages. Evidently both the row boats and the stanchions were in demand. A dress parade had been announced as one of the features of the early evening, but owing to the intense heat, and to the fact that several of those who were to take part in the parade were ill from the effects of the heat, this part of the programme was omitted. Among those who were to have taken part in the parade were the bands of the G. A. R. and Messrs. Henry and Schofer. Before the concert and addresses the bands made the rounds of the various stands, and during the day for their presence and aid, and for the excellent order which had prevailed throughout the entire day. It had been thought, a moment celebration. Although the crowd was so large and the weather so uncomfortable, the parade had been a success and carried to the pleasure of the day. Commander Henry then took charge of the meeting. The opening prayer was followed by "When the Sun Comes Down" sung sweetly by Miss Cora Gates, the audience joining in the chorus. Commander Henry then read the address, which the audience received with much laughter and hearty applause. Mr. C. E. Adams and Mr. W. J. Ryan followed with brief speeches. After singing "God Save the Queen" the audience adjourned to the campus to witness the fireworks and the fireworks of the Lincoln Fireworks. Last year the heavens were lit up by the fireworks to celebrate the Fourth by getting up a conjunction of Venus and Regulus. This year they assisted in the same manner by getting up a conjunction of Venus and Regulus. The white and bang of the Roman candles and rockets, mingled with the low rumbling of the thunder and the black rain clouds, formed an excellent background for the fireworks. The fireworks, except when flashes of lightning shot across the sky and put the place of rocket and cannon light to shame by their superior splendor. Finally a brisk shower of rain-drops put the majority of the crowd to rout, but the fireworks went on. The crowd broke into loud applause when the word "Welcome" appeared in the air, written in letters of fire. "E'en came the 'Star of the West,' the initials 'G. A. R.' and the words 'Good Night.'" This terminated the programme for the day, and the weary people sought their beds at the arms of Morpheus. This morning was marked by the clear, sweet notes of a begonia, com-

ITS TRACK MARKED BY RUIN

Iowa Visited By a Terrible Wind and Rain Storm.

A LARGE SECTION DEVASTATED.

Several Towns Almost Completely Wiped Out of Existence—Crops Suffer Incalculable Damage—No Lives Lost.

MAISON CITY, Ia., July 5.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—A terribly devastating cyclone swept down with demoniac fury upon a number of the towns along the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road yesterday. Ruthven was the first place struck by the cyclone, and it is impossible to estimate the extent of damage done. The storm came up rapidly, but gave no pretension that the force of its advent would prove so devastating, or its onward march so freighted with dreadful consequences. The extent of territory over which the storm swept was about one hundred miles in length and nearly a mile in width. To the farming community along this tract the blow is such a one that they cannot soon recover from its effect. To make it his advent would prove so devastating, or its onward march so freighted with dreadful consequences. The extent of territory over which the storm swept was about one hundred miles in length and nearly a mile in width. 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