

WORE THE MEASURE OUT

Enemies of the Anti-Option Bill Likely to Triumph.

OTHER LEGISLATION GIVEN PREFERENCE

Strong Opposition to the Bill Will Prevent Its Consideration in the Future—Other Pressing Business in the House.

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One thing after another has conspired to delay final action upon the anti-option bill in the senate till its best friends now admit that its chances of becoming a law are remote, and that it is likely to fall of passage in the house. The senate has amended the bill already in a number of material points, so that when it goes back to the house there will be considerable discussion should it again be taken up. Ex-Speaker Reed, who is opposed to the bill, stated to a senator the first of this week that if the bill was not sent back to the house before the first of next week it would not be finally acted upon, as beginning with next Monday it is the intention of the committee on rules, of which Mr. Reed is a conspicuous member, to keep the appropriation bills before the house till they are all passed and that it would take night and day work to get them all completed before the first of next week.

There will, Mr. Reed said, beginning on next Monday, be given days for the discussion of only two or three general measures, and among them the anti-option bill will not be. He added that even should the anti-option bill get up two or three days at least would be required for the discussion of the anti-option bill, and it was his belief that there could be no time given the measure in the first place, and secondly a number of members would kill the time allotted for it and then filibuster to defeat the bill. It looks now as though the bill could not get out of the senate before late next week, despite the fact that the author, Mr. Washburn, has threatened to take the senate in continuous session till a vote is reached when the bill comes up again. In the senate tomorrow Mr. Gray of Mississippi will take the floor; after him will come Messrs. Gray, Hill, Hiseock and Daniel. All of these gentlemen are given to lengthy speeches, and it is not unlikely that combinations have arisen to retard the progress of the anti-option bill till it now appears that it is doomed to fail.

Raynor and Stump Get Together.

A compromise has been reached by Mr. Raynor of Maryland, who is in charge of the Harris quarantine bill, and Representative Stump of Maryland, chairman of the select committee on immigration. Stump and Raynor held a conference today at which it was finally arranged that the former will not offer to substitute the Stump irrigation bill for the Harris quarantine bill tomorrow when Raynor is up, but will offer that clause of his bill which provides for a seven days' quarantine at the point of departure as an amendment to the Harris bill, and that Raynor will accept the amendment. Stump of Maryland will offer a further amendment, agreeable to both Stump and Raynor, providing that quarantine authorities shall make no discrimination between New York and Baltimore, and that if at any port the national quarantine is not observed, it will be enforced with in favor of the local quarantine as is now the case in New York, similar consideration shall be paid all other ports.

More Cabinet Timber.

A report was circulated on the democratic side of the senate today that President-elect Cleveland had tendered Judge Walter Q. Gresham a portfolio in the new cabinet, and that he had concluded to accept. There could be found little direct information upon the subject, such senators as Carlisle, McPherson, Palmer and Gray, who are supposed to get their information direct from Mr. Cleveland, refusing to talk upon the subject for publication. All of them stated, however, that it was not altogether improbable that Judge Gresham would be a member of the next cabinet. Senator Brice of Ohio, who is an intimate friend of Senator Carlisle and is said to have a "pipeline" into Mr. Cleveland's kitchen through Senator Carlisle, said to a senator in reply to the direct question whether he believed Judge Gresham will be in Mr. Cleveland's cabinet. "I do not know whether Judge Gresham will be in Mr. Cleveland's cabinet, but I do know that I have it from reliable sources closely connected with Mr. Cleveland that he will be legated a place in the cabinet."

Gresham to Be Cared For.

"No," said Senator Brice, "I do not believe he will accept. I should add, however, that I have no information upon that point from Judge Gresham himself. The judge may go upon the bench of the supreme court of the United States if he does not go into the cabinet, and yet he may go into the cabinet and also upon the supreme bench," and the third senator from Ohio and New York smiled a knowing smile.

European Corn in Europe.

"Corn Cake" Murphy, the European agent of the Agricultural department, continues to report progress in the matter of a trade in corn abroad. He has written a letter here to Senator Paddock from Berlin, under date of the 3d inst., in which, after thanking the senator for the interest he has taken in the broadening of the demand for American corn in Europe, he says: "You will be interested to learn that a new corn mill has just been established at Hamburg, which makes the third opened in the city alone as a result of the propaganda in Germany. I may add, too, that an exhibition will be given of corn in its different forms as human food at a permanent exhibition which will shortly be opened in Berlin and which will occupy one entire floor of the finest structure in this city. All kinds of corn cooked in the presence of the people will be given away free with explanatory literature and recipes so that the practical converting process will go on every day in the year except Sunday. The commercial part of this enterprise will be conducted by one of the corn millers that have lately started to grind corn for human food. I expect great results from this display. May I modestly say that all this activity marks a considerable advance from the preceding year, when the good Berliners all thought that corn was fit only for pig feed."

Future Labor is This Field.

"The more I labor in this field the more I am convinced that this movement of the Agricultural department holds promise of unbounded benefit not only to our farmers and the whole country, but to the world at large, and our corn will surely take its rightful place as an article of universal human consumption as tobacco, potatoes and tomatoes have, which were first secured from the soil of our fertile American continent, thus proving how much humanity is indebted to America in a material sense as well as in other ways. The statistical figures of the Agricultural department show what has been the results thus far in increased exports of the great staple to Germany and the few thousands it cost us to bring about such an agreeable consumption. I wrote thus fully and enthusiastically of this movement for I believe in heart and soul, and I cannot help observing, I hope modestly, what has been already accomplished as a good and pregnant augury for the near future."

TO DISCUSS AN EXPOSITION.

Manufacturers and Consumers Association Decide to Call a Special Meeting. A meeting of the Manufacturers and Consumers association was held yesterday afternoon in their rooms in the Bee building. The interest in the home patronage movement shows no sign of abatement, and the association is doing more effective work than ever before, but the members are falling into the habit of absenting themselves from the meetings. Among the members present from outside of Omaha were J. A. Garner of the Indiana Paint and Ochruc company and W. H. Duffett of the Beatrice Paving and Building Brick company. After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting the following were elected members: Boys, Dean & Co., Seward; Grand Island Cigar Manufacturing company, Indiana Paint and Ochruc Manufacturing company; Oxnard Beet Sugar company, Grand Island; F. S. Johnson & Co., millers; Milford; C. C. White, miller, Crete; William Muehler, brewer, Crete; Great Western Type foundry, electrolytic, Omaha.

President Page stated that it was time to consider whether there should be another exposition held in Omaha the coming spring. He had got expressions from quite a number of members and the general opinion seemed to be that it would be a mistake for the association to let the opportunity pass. This appeared to be a subject of general interest to the members and they all had an opinion to express. Some thought that the spring was not as good a time as the fall for holding an exposition, but the great majority favored the spring, as the World's fair would be too great an attraction later in the summer and fall. The members outside of Omaha expressed themselves in favor of an exposition and promised to "be in it" if one was held. The greatest difficulty in the way of such an enterprise is the lack of a suitable building. The old Coliseum building has been going to pieces as fast as any building could and is in much worse shape than a year ago. After discussing the matter in all its phases it was decided to call a special meeting, when the subject of hold-

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ONE MAJOR MISSING.

Major Birkhauser and Balcombe Peacefully Transact Some Public Business. Major Puray was absent yesterday and Major Birkhauser and Major Balcombe conducted the meeting in the afternoon of the Board of Public Works. Bids were opened for sewers and grading, but no contracts were awarded, the bids being taken under advisement. Another meeting will be held this afternoon and the contracts will be awarded.

Grading bids were for 627 feet on Bristol street, west of Twenty-fourth, and three were received. The bidders were Hamann & McDonald, J. O. Corby and John F. Daley. Mr. Daley's bid was returned as he had failed to specify the district upon which he was bidding.

Grading bids were for doing the grading on Twenty-fourth street, from Dodge to Cass street, Jackson, from Twenty-seventh to Thirty-sixth street and the alley in block 1 of Kountze Place. Bids were received from Samuel Katz & Co. and W. W. Mace. No bids were received for cutting down and sloping banks.

Major Birkhauser called Major Balcombe's attention to the fact that the owners of property on Woolworth avenue, from Second to Sixth streets, were anxious to have the avenue graded. John C. Conroy's bid of a week ago on this work was called up and the contract was awarded to him. Supplementary final estimates were allowed for paving Franklin street, from Twenty-fourth to Twenty-ninth street; Davenport, from Thirty-first to Thirty-second street; Jackson, from Ninth to Tenth street and Chicago repairs near Thirty-first street.

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