

BEN IS FOR BOUNTIES.

His Plan for Bettering the Farmers.

Washington, June 10.—The long deferred debate on the sugar schedule of the tariff bill came on abruptly at 1 o'clock to-day, after the senate had disposed of the cereals in the agricultural schedule.

Early in the day Mr. Tillman made a lively speech in favor of the amendment giving an export duty on agricultural products. He took occasion in this connection to criticize his Democratic associates who were giving a strict and literal construction to the Democratic doctrine of a tax for revenue only. The bounty amendment was defeated 10 to 56.

The senate began work at 11 a. m. to-day and the tariff bill was taken up as soon as the routine business was out of the way.

Mr. Tillman took the floor on the pending amendment of Mr. Cannon of Utah providing an export bounty on agricultural products. He said he desired the attention of his associates and as the attendance was meagre he noted the absence of a quorum, and Mr. Tillman proceeded. He said the tariff debate had disclosed a nebulous condition in the minds of senators. The Republican senators sat quietly, apparently controlled by the caucus, refusing to discuss the iniquities of the bill and unanimously voting for the action in behalf of trusts and monopolies.

"On the other hand," proceeded Mr. Tillman, "the Democrats are in a period of transition. They don't know where they are at. The older, more experienced, proclaim their allegiance to the old time-honored doctrines. We had an impassioned speech yesterday (by Mr. Mills) in behalf of the Walker tariff principles, brought forward at this late day as Democratic doctrine. Secession, nullification and other issues which have passed out of the minds of men might as well be brought here. The tariff is merely a question of policy, as to how the government will raise its revenue. I say without hesitation it is to the best interest of the American people that the articles consumed by our people should be produced by our people. If that is Republican doctrine, well and good. If that is not Democratic doctrine it ought to be.

Mr. Tillman went on to show that diversified industries gave diversified means of labor. As to the farmers the need was not for more farmers, but for a tariff which no longer would rob the farmers what they have. The farmer stands, his skinny, bony hand outstretched, asking this export bounty to overcome the robbery of the present system, and yet senators set in stony silence expecting this idiotic farmer, with the mortgages gnawing on his home, not to know that they refuse to give him relief.

Mr. Tillman vehemently pledged his word to his colleagues that they would not deceive the farmers and that the nine million followers of the plow "will settle with you at the ballot box."

Referring to any bill not giving adequate relief to farmers, Mr. Tillman remarked: "I am prepared to throw some rocks that will stagger some of you men."

The senator analyzed the extent of agricultural interests throughout the country including the south, "the Ishmalite, the section that has had no rights since the war."

While that section had labored under the ban of secession, paying billions as a result of its attempt to secede, it was still face to face with the demand of the horse-leech, crying more, more, more. This section and the agricultural interests always had been at the mercy of tariff bills which

found their genesis in the benefits conferred on New England.

As Mr. Tillman spoke the galleries filled in anticipation of a lively time. While speaking with his usual vehemence of voice and gesture, the senator adopted an argumentative style, to show that the farmers were receiving the burdens, without the benefits, of the tariff. When he referred at one point to the Chicago platform declaration on the tariff, this brought Mr. Vest to his feet in explanation. He voted in the Chicago convention amid greater uproar and confusion, said Mr. Vest, for the long, and in part nebulous platform. He never knew, until it had come out, that the word "only" had been left out of the declaration for a "tariff for revenue."

"If I had known it," proceeded Mr. Vest, "I would have risen in my place and moved to insert it, for it is the creed of the Democratic party; and I believe a majority of that convention did not know of the omission, as all our attention was concentrated on the money issue."

Proceeding, Mr. Tillman turned to his Democratic associates and said they now had a chance, with the votes of a few Republican senators "not lost to all sense of shame and decency," to give some measure of relief to the farmers. They would receive little or no benefit from the duty on cotton and the cereals. They asked for bread and were given a stone. They asked for some relief and Democratic senators set up a mummy and labeled it a "tariff for revenue only."

"Great God, such Democracy," exclaimed Mr. Tillman, with dramatic emphasis.

Democratic senators had spoken of a "new evangel," he said, and had twitted him and others with leading the Democratic party into Republican camp. These senators, instead of offering the cardinal Democratic principles at equality, gave the sodom apple of "tariff for revenue only" to their constituents.

"You are holding the telescope with the big end to your eye," declared Mr. Tillman, addressing his associates, "and at the little end you see the legend, 'tariff for revenue only, instead of that great doctrine of Democracy, equal rights for all, special privileges for none.'"

In conclusion, the senator said he believed in securing for the south as many benefits as possible. He arraigned Republican senators for the inequalities of their legislation and for keeping Cuba under the heel of Weyler. They claimed he said, to be followers of Lincoln, "but you are unworthy to tie the shoe latches of that great man." The Democrats claimed to be followers of Jefferson, while they were abandoning Jefferson's cardinal principle of equal rights to the people.

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McLAURIN'S NAME.

How Lowndes Came to be a Part of it.

The desk of Mr. McLaurin, the senator from South Carolina, was ornamented yesterday with a huge floral horseshoe and other fragrant tributes. Mr. McLaurin, by the way, promises to be one of the most popular members of the body. He is a man of polished manners, wealthy, able, progressive, and, altogether, a delightful associate. A little incident that occurred on Decoration Day illustrates his character.

Coming across the rotunda with a party of friends, Senator McLaurin found the corridor to the Senate barred by a bench on which was seated a policeman. "I am very sorry," said the officer, when the party appeared, "but as this is a holiday, the senate wing of the capitol is closed."

"My name is McLaurin," said the senator.

"Then I can let you through," said the policeman, "but not your friends."

Without attempting to exercise any blustering authority, Senator McLaurin simply asked who could issue necessary orders, and when informed that captain of police could do so, left his friends and went off in search of that official. Presently he returned with the captain, who, while he sustained the position of the policeman, nevertheless gave permission to the party to visit the senate wing, and they departed.

When Mr. McLaurin returned half an hour later to the rotunda, he went up to the policeman, who began to explain and apologize. "My dear sir," said the new senator, "you only did your duty. I want to congratulate and commend you. I would not for a moment ask you to do anything for me or anybody that would conflict with the orders from your superior officers."

And the smile upon the policeman's face made it evident that Senator McLaurin had made another friend.

Senator McLaurin's name is John Lowndes McLaurin. A great many people, and especially Marylanders, have asked him what the Lowndes in his name came from. The story is interesting. When his mother went to school at the Patapsco Institute, in Maryland, her dearest chum was Miss Bessie Lowndes, and so when her boy was born, she called him Lowndes in honor of her schoolmate. Time passed and Miss Lowndes married a promising banker and politician in Cumberland named Lloyd Lowndes. Last March Mrs. McLaurin occupied a seat in the senate chamber and saw her son participating in the exercises as a member of congress, while near him sat the husband of Bessie Lowndes, the governor of the state of Maryland.—Washington Post.

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