

WORK OF CONGRESS.

Democrats Not Responsible for Delays.

Senator Cockrell Refutes Republican Slanders.

Business Retarded by the Reed Regime in the House.

A Committee Appointed to Investigate the Charges Against Pension Commissioner Raum.

Associated Press Dispatches.

WASHINGTON, July 30.—In the senate today Thurman offered an amendment to the deficiency appropriation bill (referred to the committee on appropriations) appropriating \$50,000 for marking the boundary line between the United States and Mexico, and called attention to its urgency.

The resolution offered yesterday by Sherman, fixing the daily hour of meeting at 10 a. m., was taken up. Cockrell said he would support the resolution, and wanted to give a few reasons why. Some taunts had been made recently by the senators of Rhode Island and Maine (Aldrich and Frye) about delay on the part of the Democratic minority. He wanted those senators to see the relative amount of work done in the two houses. The senate had, up to the 28th of July, passed 946 bills, and 499 other bills had been acted upon by committees and been indefinitely postponed, making the whole number of senate bills actually disposed of, 1,445.

That was considerably more than one-third of all the bills introduced in the senate. No such record had ever before been made. The house, out of over 10,000 bills introduced there, passed 865, a mere fraction of the whole. Out of all the senate bills passed, the house had only passed 231, while of the house bills the senate passed 618. How, he asked, had so much work been done in the senate? Had the minority been wasting time by interposing objections, or by unnecessary discussion? Had the minority consumed time (as the majority had done under the last administration), in criticizing the executive, or pleading the civil service law, to prevent the removal of Democratic officials before the end of their terms of office? Nothing of the kind. Had not the bills for the admission of Idaho and Wyoming as states been allowed by the majority to pass, although everyone knew that neither of them had sufficient population to entitle it to a representative in the house. Those bills were passed only through the inconceivable forbearance and conservatism of the Democratic minority, and yet the Democrats were criticized the moment they wanted a little explanation and a little light on the tariff bill. If there was a Democratic majority in the senate, and should it make an attempt to pass a bill for the admission of New Mexico and Arizona as states, the senator from Maine (Frye) would prance up and down the center of the aisle, and the senator from Vermont (Edmunds) would raise his voice, and they would roar like caged lions and scream like chained hyenas [laughter] against the action of the Democratic majority. Why, he asked, had more bills than it has disposed of? The reason was that it ignored in its organization and in its changed rules the fundamental principles of parliamentary discussion. He quoted from a letter written by Thomas H. Reed in June, 1889, and published in the *Chautauquan*. It would be remembered, he said, that Reed was once a member of the house of representatives. One of the sentences in that remarkable production was in these words: "A full, free, frank discussion is the very life of intelligent action."

Another sentence was: "The needless suppression of discussion is tyrannical, whether done by a king or a majority." He challenged any Republican to show where the Democratic minority attempted any unnecessary delay. The resolution was then agreed to. The tariff bill was taken up, and Morrill addressed the senate.

Morrill said the ill-natured denunciations of American manufacturers by the oratorical free-traders indicated that they preferred the prosperity of foreign manufacturers to that of their own countrymen, and that they would compel the latter to manufacture as cheaply as any foreigner, pay no higher wages, or abandon their business. The real purpose was finally to break down and degrade the present scale of wages of American workmen.

Coming to the question of the agricultural depression, Morrill said there was a glut of misinformation disseminated on that subject, and the concealment of the fact that the prices of farm products are depressed throughout the world. The only possible remedy within the reach of the American farmer is positive protection against foreign competition and such encouragement to other vocations as will increase the consumers of their products. He asserted that in 1888, had it not been for the duty of 20 cents a bushel on wheat, the wheat of India would have snatched the market of New York from the state of Wisconsin, as well as from all the other western states. Farm mortgage indebtedness had been grossly exaggerated, and he understood that the census reports would show that farm mortgages in Kansas and Maine were less than one-quarter of the amount which had been represented. The charge that the American farmers were hugely in debt, or more so than the farmers of any other country, was a gross calumny. Markets which could not be found abroad had to be made at home, and they could only be made by protection.

Referring to the countries of Central and South America, Morrill said of the agricultural products, cattle, sheep and horses, they had an abundant and cheap supply, not only for home consumption but also for exportation. To carry any of these products there is in vain. To hope for finding a market for them there, would be like "carrying coals to Newcastle."

On the question of sugar, Morrill said the adding of free sugar to the breakfast table presented a stronger case than tea and coffee presented in 1872, for like treatment. If the United States could (as had been done by several European countries) supply all its own sugar, ninety million dollars would be kept at home that was now sent to Cuba and elsewhere, never to return. In conclusion Morrill said any amendment offered in good faith that would improve the bill would be cordially received, but all attempts to heap thorns upon it would, he hoped, be rejected.

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