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## Our Law Makers.

[From our Regular Correspondent].

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It was definitely settled on the test vote, forced by Senator Teller at the conclusion of Senator Gorman's speech, that the tariff bill will receive the vote of every democrat and populist in the Senate and consequently that no reason exists for further delay in taking the final vote. It was to prove this that Mr. Teller made his motion to lay the bill on the table. The vote was 33 to 23, only republicans voting for the motion. It is believed that this will hurry up the vote, as it will give those in charge of the bill a confidence they have heretofore lacked.

Senator Teller has received many communications from business men, whose only anxiety is to get the question settled in some shape, on his remarks on the tariff bill this week. He began by telling the republican Senators that there was no profit in taunting the democrats with being inconsistent, and recalling to their minds the fact that the McKinley bill, which he said was neither the height of wisdom nor the sum of all excellences, could not have passed the Senate if the Finance committee had not granted the demands of certain Senators, just as the present Finance committee had been compelled to do. Continuing Mr. Teller said: "In my opinion the bill is ample for the protection of American industries. I believe that the demands of the government for revenue are so great that a bill laid for revenue only, if wisely laid, will, on four-fifths of all the articles it touches, give to the American people ample protection against foreign cheap labor. But I do not think that this bill is so wisely drawn that it does that in the sense that it ought. And yet I am bound to say that it is a better bill than I had an idea would come to us from the democratic party after its declaration at Chicago. It is a better bill than we, on this side of the chamber, hoped to get. And I am glad to get it, with all its inconsistencies thrown in. Let us address ourselves to the question like practical business men, leaving politics alone long enough to get a bill that will give to the prostrate business of this country hope and courage enough to open their now closed factories. Upon this bill the interest of 70,000,000 of people are dependent. And if, when we get through, the bill is not what we want let us go to the people and submit the question in that great forum where right will ultimately prevail."

The Tucker bill providing for the election of Senators by direct vote of the people, which was passed by the House during the last Congress, has been again favorably reported to the House, which it will pass. The Senate does not take kindly to the idea.

Representative Enloe, of Tenn., is now a firm believer in the maxim "all things come to him who waits." For several years past when the Legislative, Executive and Judicial appropriation bill was before the House Mr. Enloe has offered an amendment striking out the item making appropriations for salaries of the Civil Service Commissioners and their clerks. The vote on this proposition has been a little larger each year, and it was large enough this week to get the amendment adopted when the House

was sitting as a committee of the whole by a vote of 109 to 71. The amendment will have to stand the test of a formal ye or nay vote in the House before its adoption is accomplished, and the chances are that enough votes can be rallied to defeat it, but Mr. Enloe says he can wait until next year, if it is defeated.

## READ THIS.

For the benefit of the Magistrates the Board of Education and the County Commissioners, who have to elect a Superintendent next Monday we have compiled the following from the school law in answer to Dave Whichard's contention last week, that his Granville county brother-in-law is the only man in Pitt county, who is fit to be Superintendent, because first, he teaches a very large school. 2nd. He is therefore more interested in public schools because they feed his private school. 3rd His not visiting schools is a blessing because any man who did visit schools would only be doing so to rob the children of the school money. Great folks, we Pitt county people are to have to be taught honesty by Granville county men who make their living out of us and say this of us in return.

SEC. 2545. "The Board of Education shall obey the instructions of the State Superintendent and accept his construction of the school law."

"County boards have a wide range of powers and duties, and they ought to see that the County Superintendents, as executive officers, will be kept as fully employed as possible in visitation and minute supervision and inspection of the schools, in the organization and improvement of the teachers and in all other work conducive to the progress of the schools and to the cultivation of a spirit of progressive education among the whole people."

SEC. 2548. "The success of the public schools in any county will greatly depend on the efficiency and activity of the County Superintendent. The Boards should use the utmost care in the selection of a man for the position."

SEC. 2569. "Under the supervision of the county Board of Education the County Superintendent shall visit the schools and shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the county Board of Education and the State Superintendent and shall obey their instructions."

The County Superintendent should be allowed large discretion in the matter of visitation of schools. No work will be of greater benefit to the teachers and schools. The school committee should heartily co-operate with the Superintendent in securing the best work possible by the teachers in the schoolroom.

SEC. 2575. "Each county superintendent of public instruction who shall comply with this chapter shall receive, as compensation for his services, such sum as in the discretion of the board of education may seem adequate and just, the amount not to be less than two nor more than three dollars per day for all days necessarily engaged in the discharge of the duties of his position, of which said service he shall present, at their regular meeting, to the county board of education, an itemized account, with an

affidavit attached, that the services therein charged have been in fact rendered, whereupon, if approved by the county board of education, it shall be the duty of the chairman and secretary of said board to draw an order on the treasurer of the county board of education for the amount due the county superintendent by virtue of this section. This order shall be paid by the said treasurer out of the school funds: *Provided*, his salary shall not exceed four per centum of the school fund apportioned in the county."

## They Will Not Fuse.

The People's Party massmeeting, was held at the court house to-day for re-organization, etc.

Junius Spease and A. W. Bevel were the principal speakers at the meeting to day. Spease was in favor of inviting Tom Watson, of Georgia, Marion Butler, Harry Skinner or Buck Kitchen to attend the next meeting and ventilate the questions of greatest importance to the people. The chairman was instructed to invite Thomas Watson for the next gathering.

During his remarks Spease said that Cleveland was the backbone of the Democratic party and that if he and Ransom were dropped the party would be no more. He said the Republicans were responsible for the panic of 1873 by demonetizing silver and that the Democrats were responsible for this panic by killing free silver. (Mr. Spease overlooked the question that the panic was on when the silver bill passed.) He said that Zeb Vance and the Populists both fought the unconditional repeal of the purchasing clause of the Sherman act, like Washington did for our independence—but that the late Senator and the Populists were too much in the minority to accomplish anything.

## OPPOSED TO FUSION.

J. A. Transeau made a talk about the Populists fusing with the Republicans. He said his party (People's) was in the middle of the road and proposed to remain there. He introduced a resolution opposing the fusion with the Republicans or any other party. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The resolution was a death-knell to "Brothers John and Charley" Reynolds, Millard Masten, J. P. Stanton and others who were figuring for office. A leading member of the Third party admitted to day that the Republicans were very "hungry" and had been making bids for fusion.

## HON. C. B. WATSON SPEAKS.

After passing the resolution, etc., an invitation was extended to Hon. C. B. Watson to address the meeting. He accepted. He said that it was the first time he ever made a speech on such short notice to a people whose views were so at variance with the party (Democratic) he belonged to. Mr. Watson spoke of the panic which prevailed during the administration of Van Buren. In brief, he made a strong, true-blue Democratic speech. —Twin City Daily Sentinel.

The Democratic party must be organized on a different basis—it must have an organization that will give it something more than a barren victory at the polls, which becomes defeat, humiliation and dishonor when it is sought to be realized in legislation.—Memphis Commercial, Dem.

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