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SUGAR SCHEDULE FINISHED.

The Senate Leaves It and Takes Up the Agricultural Schedule.

WASHINGTON, June 16.—The senate has completed the consideration of the sugar schedule of the tariff bill, except the provision relating to Hawaii, which went over. This schedule has been the storm center of the entire bill and it disposed of, there is better prospect for speedy action on the bill as a whole.

The first paragraph of the sugar schedule has served to bring out all the speeches and the test votes, and when this was passed, the other paragraphs of the schedule were agreed to without serious opposition.

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The Petigrow amendment, relating to the sugar schedule, was discussed at length. It developed considerable divergence of view on both sides of the chamber, the two all-American senators, Morgan and Pettus, joining Mr. Hear (Mass.) in opposition.

Mr. Allison finally tested the sense of the senate by moving that the amendments, which were adopted, be yeas 35, nays 32, two Democrats, Morgan and McEnery, voting with the Republicans to the right, and the balance against the amendment.

Consideration of the agricultural schedule was resumed, and the bill paragraph being agreed to reported.

CAUSE OF CUBA LAGS. The President Can Take No Definite Action Until He Secures a Minister.

This problem seems almost impossible of solution at the present outlook.

WASHINGTON, June 16.—It can be stated locally as the result of the cabinet meeting that no important action relating to Cuba will be taken by the administration until the new minister to Madrid has been chosen and his appointment has been confirmed.

This fact is significant, in that it means that some weeks must certainly elapse before the president will take any action whatever vital to the relations of this government and the island of Cuba.

The difficulty of finding a man satisfactory to the president to fill the post at Madrid delays action and Mr. Kinney is no longer a selection for the post than he was at the beginning of the administration.

The delay is somewhat vexatious, inasmuch as the administration is anxious to begin negotiations with Spain looking to the amelioration, in some form, of the condition of affairs in Cuba as speedily as possible.

WORK OF THE LUTHERANS.

Transacted by the Synod at the Meeting at Mansfield, O.

MANSFIELD, June 16.—At the session of the Lutheran synod the following deaconess board was appointed: Revs. Dr. G. V. Wenner of New York, New York; E. Albert, Philadelphia; A. H. Studebaker, W. H. Dunbar and L. M. Zimmerman, Baltimore; Frank Fromm, New York; E. C. Tadlock, New York; F. A. Hartranft, Philadelphia; F. T. Huber, New York; W. L. Armitage, F. P. Steiff and George W. Moore; Cornelius Eckhardt, Washington.

The new board of home missions was appointed as follows: Revs. Charles E. Eiders, Philadelphia; M. W. Hanna, Altoona, Pa.; J. C. Koller, Hanover, Pa.; W. E. Parson, Washington; E. C. Tadlock, New York; M. L. Z. Dole, Baltimore; I. C. Slater and John C. Parker, Washington; W. H. Davis, Baltimore.

The basis of cooperation adopted at the convention of the synod had likewise been adopted by the general council and the united synod of the United States.

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