

FEARS THE GREEKS.

Senator Vest Wants an Explanation of Spooner's Amendment to the Tin Plate Schedule.

SHEET IRON RATES MAINTAINED.

Giving Foreign Capitalists an Opportunity to Invest in American Mining Property.

FRIENDS OF FARMERS MAKE THREATS.

A Compromise Effected in Favor of the River and Harbor Bill.

WASHINGTON, August 19.—The Senate spent the day in considering the tariff bill, the pending question being Mr. Plumb's amendment reducing the duty on tin plate from 2-1/2 cents to 1 cent a pound, and allowing a bounty of 1 cent a pound on American tin plate.

Mr. Faulkner asked for a division of the question. The presiding officer approved the point, and decided that the reduction of the duty and the bounty should be taken and the question was upon the bounty clause. This did not suit Mr. Plumb, so he withdrew his amendment, with the understanding that he would again present it.

Mr. Spooner offered an amendment providing that after the first of October, 1890, tin plates lighter in weight than 63 pounds per hundred square feet shall be admitted free of duty, unless such shall appear to the President that the aggregate quantity of such plates produced in the United States during any of the five years preceding has equalled one-third of the quantity imported and entered for consumption in that year.

AN ADDITIONAL TERROR. Mr. Vest said that he was disposed to support that amendment. If the outrage intended by the bill were to be met, even in 1890, it would be better than to accept the proposition of the Finance Committee with the notification that an additional terror was to be supplied in a duty of 4 cents a pound on block tin.

Mr. Spooner said he wanted to encourage the tin plate manufacturer in the United States. He believed in the industrial independence of this country so far as that could be brought about. If by the imposition of increased duty all the tin plates used here could be manufactured here, no matter if during the time being higher prices were paid for it, the people of the United States would be independent of foreign producers and the price be brought down.

Mr. Aldrich gave his adhesion to Mr. Spooner's amendment as being a requirement that American manufacturers shall give proof of their production in the matter, and he had no doubt that the American producer of tin plate would manufacture within the five years a very much larger proportion of the article than one-third.

AFRAID OF THE GREEKS. Mr. Spooner's amendment went over till to-morrow, and the next paragraph of the bill. (Paragraph 138, page 27.) It refers to sheet iron or sheet steel, polished, planished or galvanized, taxing it 2 1/2 per cent, and to tappers iron, taxing it 2 1/2 per cent additional.

Mr. Aldrich moved to reduce those rates to 2c and 1 1/2c respectively. Rejected without a division. No further amendment was offered in this matter.

Paragraph 139, referring to tin plates, tinned plates and tappers tin, and paragraph 140, referring to steel ingots, were agreed with by the committee by a vote of 128 to 10.

Paragraph 141, page 31, was then taken up. It refers to wire rods. An amendment offered by Mr. Vest was rejected—yeas, 27; nays, 27. Mr. Vest's amendment was rejected—yeas, 17; nays, 27. Other amendments were offered and rejected.

DEFENDING THE TARIFF. Mr. Cullom made a strong speech in favor of the protective system. The foundation of every Democratic or free trade argument, he said, is based upon the assumption contained in President Cleveland's famous message, that there has been raised the price to consumers of all articles imported by precisely the sum paid for duty thereon. If the declaration is not true then the whole free trade structure falls to the ground.

Mr. Cullom, showing conclusively that the effect of protection has been to reduce prices. There is nothing consumed by the farmers of this country which is not cheaper under the protective system than under tariffs for revenue only, or free trade, except those articles which are physical necessities and cannot be manufactured in this country. Upon the subject of agricultural products the prices were largely fixed by supply and demand.

THE FARMER FIRST. PRECEDENCE GIVEN TO THE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE BILL. Friends of the River and Harbor Bill Think They Are Being Frozen Out—A Threat That Obstructionist Tactics Would be Fatal to the Measure.

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Mr. Cannon reported that he thought not that the bill could be called up Friday or Monday or during the morning hour on the other days.

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