

NO WHITE SUGAR

Pure Food Law May Check Output Entirely Say Refiners.

OTHER WASHINGTON NOTES

Philippine Tariff Bill Dead for Present Session of Congress—Root's Little Joke—The Bureau and the Frogs.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—Southern sugar refiners are very desirous of having the Department of Agriculture make a ruling as to the manufacture of sugars under the new pure food law, and a delegation is in the city for that purpose. For a hundred years it has been the practice to bleach sugar with bluing. Years ago indigo was used to give the sugar brilliancy, but of recent years aniline dyes have been employed. Another method of refining sugar is by the use of sulphur fumes. It is said that under the pure food law, unless the Department of Agriculture makes a ruling to the contrary, the use of aniline dyes and sulphur fumes will both be prohibited, and probably the use of indigo, so that the refiners will have to return to primitive methods. In fact, it is said by the sugar refiners that there is a chance that white sugar will be eliminated altogether. The refiners and producers of sugar want a ruling before the appropriation is made for enforcing the law.

An interested visitor on the floor of the House recently was former Representative James J. Henderson, of Illinois, who is now in his 83rd year. Mr. Henderson was appointed the civilian member of the Board of Ordnance and Fortifications by President McKinley, and was also one of the Presidents of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers and Sailors. The Board of Ordnance and Fortifications has nothing to do with coast defense, as might be inferred from its name, but is confined to passing on new inventions. A great many such inventions are presented to the Board, and once in awhile it finds one of merit.

It is generally admitted that the Philippine tariff bill is dead for this session. Senator Lodge would move that his committee be discharged from further consideration of the bill if he thought such a notion stood a chance of being adopted by the Senate. The sugar and tobacco interests have been bitterly fighting against this bill and won out before the Committee. Their friends in the Senate are regarded as too influential to admit of the passage of the bill at this session, and an attempt to have the bill taken away from the Committee would merely result in increasing the existing bad feeling. It is therefore improbable that any such attempt will be made.

The following story is told on Secretary Root:

He was making the journey from New York to Washington, not long ago, when he ran across an old friend on the train. Greetings were heartily exchanged and they proceeded to the dining car together. After the oysters, the friend suggested some wine, remarking, "You know this meal is 'on' me." "Oh, no, it isn't," replied Mr. Root, smiling. "We are dining 'on Red' (en route)."

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The funniest thing is the frog."
Our great and good government, in whose bosom there swells a very large wave of paternalism, has been, for some time, engaged in finding a delightful habitat for the musical frog; a habitat where water, climate and moonlight would combine to make his life one of real joy. In this endeavor, through the Bureau of Biological Survey, it has expended many thousands of dollars. You know in these good days of paternalism we have Bureaus for almost every imaginable object; there is the Bureau of Chemistry, ostensibly intended to apply to that science as it might concern agriculture, but latterly made to apply to the eating of borax and drinking certain brands of whiskey; there is the Bureau of Animal Industry, supposedly intended to find some way to make a balk horse pull his share of the load, then we have a Bureau of Plant Industry, that is, to make plants work overtime in growing while the planter goes to the circus, and then this Bureau of Biological Survey. For fear the reader will not know what "Biology" means, let it be said that a short but clear definition of the word is "the science of life." Life is a very important thing to us, and we should have it surveyed from every point of view, especially from the scientific point. Most everything has life. Is it said that even a rock grows. If it grows it has life, and, growing or not growing it has many uses. But there are some things that have life for which no particular use has been discovered. In this class the late eminent philosopher, Josh Billings placed bed bugs and fleas. David Baron,

however, found an excuse for a flea being—to remind the dog that he is a dog.
Now, a frog has life. It may not be a very joyous and happy sort of a life he lives, but that is altogether owing to how he views it, and so far as is known he has not yet given his views to the world. Having life he becomes a fit subject for the biologist, and on that principle, we have every reason to believe, the Bureau of Biological Survey has been devoting its time and the money of the people. The exact purpose of the survey has not been developed, whether it is to make the life of the frog more uncomfortable and unhappy, to lengthen its span, or to make him by his own unaided efforts, grow more sleek and fat for his eventual tickling of the palate of the epicure. It matters little what the real object may be, the House Committee on Agricultural has jumped onto the science with both feet, to speak after the manner of street gamblers, and voted to abolish the Bureau. Joking aside, it does look as if the Bureau can find nothing more important on which to expend its time and the money of the government than finding the best place to grow frogs, as if it had outlived its usefulness and ought to be remanded to that bourned set apart for all obsolete things.
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