

MAKING HIMSELF DICTATOR.

Cleveland Using Patronage to Coerce Senators and Members of the House of Representatives.

WASHINGTON, July 30.—[Special.] A silver man stated to-day that the coming contest was one limited to the power of silver when pitted against patronage. It was simply a contest between patronage and silver in the main. Patronage would be aided by the Wall street fellows. If the contest was simplified by taking the patronage out of it there would be no question as to the result. The silver sentiment of the country, if not interfered with by outside forces, would prevent any unfriendly legislation to the white metal. If patronage had been out of the way the administration would not have precipitated the contest, but the president having faith in the all powerful influence of the pie counter, reached the conclusion that this would enable him to run the country, through congress, as he desired.

The fact that the president has commenced the game of making himself dictator of congress and aspires to run the country by that route is the cause of many indignant expressions. It is a matter of comment that never before in the history of the country has a president attempted to get so far out of his line as Cleveland on this occasion. That he should break all precedents and aim to establish a dangerous precedent with the view of getting himself elected again and running the country as dictator is one of the anomalous features of the situation. The Democrats who were howling not long ago against the Reed rules because they were establishing a precedent are now in the attitude of having a president who dares to dictate to congress, forming a far more dangerous precedent than was ever conceived as possible to result from the Reed rules, and in addition they are saying that they will adopt the Reed rules.

While it is admitted that the president will be able to force some of the senators and members to do his bidding, it is estimated that strange proceeding will so enrage the opposition that it will make the fight by far more bitter than it would be in the absence of such official outrages.

One of the administration thermometers gave out a very significant hint to-day. It was to the effect that the president would be too busy to make many appointments during the extra session. In making the statement there was a significant wink with his administration eye.

This simply means that the patronage matters will be held off as a club with which to manipulate the senators and members. He has decided not to trust them, but will demand that they pass upon matters of legislation before getting their pay. This being the case it is certain that very little office business will be attended to for the West during the session.

It is thought some Eastern appointments will be made in order not to abandon that business entirely and make the plans of the administration known. By way of a blind some of the Eastern appointments will be made out in the West and will simply be a matter of contract until after the voting is done.