

WASHINGTON NOTES

Some Items of Interest From the National Capitol.

WILSON'S LONG SERVICE

Present Secretary of Agriculture Near High Water Mark of Continental Service in the Cabinet—The Resignation of Dave Mercer.

WASHINGTON, Mar 21.—Anent the recent resignation of Senator Spooner, of Wisconsin, some interesting gossip concerning previous resignations from that body has been going the rounds of the press. The idea that any office holder and particularly any United States Senator should resign, is so unusual, and similar cases were found to be so rare, that some of the writers were compelled to draw on their imagination for entertaining comparisons. One of the most illuminating stories related to Burton Craige of North Carolina, who was said to have been a Senator back in the days of Webster, Clay and Calhoun and who was said to have been elected to the Senate, started on his journey to the Capital on horseback, found the roads so muddy and impassable that he returned home in disgust sent his resignation to the Governor of North Carolina and resumed the easy and undisturbed life of a Southern gentleman and planter.

All of this is very interesting, but, unfortunately, the element of truth is entirely lacking. Burton Craige was born in North Carolina in 1811. He was a man of distinction in his native state, and, although never elected to the Senate, served in the house of Representatives in the 33rd, 34th, 35th and 36th Congresses, from Dec. 1853 to 1861. In the latter year he did what a number of others Southern members did, resigned because of the impending conflict between the North and the South. He was a delegate to the con-

vention of secession of his state and was chosen a member of the Provisional Confederate Congress which met in Richmond, in July, 1861. After the war Craige retired to private life and died in 1875. These are the facts, although it looks like a shame to spoil a story based upon the resignation of a public man from office because of muddy roads.

The other day "Dave" Mercer, former member of Congress from Omaha, was at the Agricultural Department when he met Mr. Wadsworth of New York, chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, who was defeated from re-election last fall, largely it is claimed because of his successful opposition to the President's plan of dealing with the meat packers of Chicago. As Mr. Mercer met the New Yorker, he saluted him with: "I greet the next Secretary of Agriculture."

This is illustrative of the opinion that prevails in many quarters that Mr. Wadsworth, by reason of his experience at the head of the Agricultural committee of the House, would make an excellent head of the farming department of the Administration; of course, when some other President has been elected.

There are several other distinguished gentlemen, however, who have aspirations along this line and it is doubtful if Mr. Wadsworth would ever reach this particular goal, even if he aspired to it. Gifford Pinchot, chief of the Forestry division, a personal friend of the President, and a man of large means would like to have this place. So would Dr. Wley, the Chief Chemist, who, in his fight for pure foods and beverages, has made himself intensely disliked by the manufacturers of all sorts of fake foods and intensely popular among the people who have a desire to eat pure foods.

It may be set down for a fact, however, that James Wilson will not retire from the department of Agriculture so long as Mr. Roosevelt is President. In talking about the "old farmer" a short time ago with one of his visitors, the President said he would have just one request to make of his successor in office and that was that he would keep "Uncle Jimmie" in office for a few days so that he might reach the high water mark of continuous service in the Cabinet. Mr. Wil-

son was confirmed as Secretary of Agriculture March 5, 1897, and at the expiration of President Roosevelt's term, if the Secretary lives, he will have served 12 years. This record has been exceeded but by one man, Albert Gallatin, of Pennsylvania. Mr. Wilson is a naturalized citizen, born Scotland. Gallatin, also was naturalized, being a native of Switzerland. He was appointed Secretary of the Treasury by Jefferson, Jan. 26, 1803, reappointed by Madison and held the office until Feb. 9, 1814, when he resigned to become a member of the Commission that negotiated the treaty of Ghent which was signed December 24, 1814. The service of Gallatin as head of the treasury department, therefore aggregated 12 years and fourteen days. After serving in other distinguished public offices, including minister to Great Britain and to France, Mr. Gallatin removed to New York where he became the head of the largest financial institution of his day. He died Aug. 12, 1849.

So it is, that in order to exceed this record, the President, will urge Wilson be retained by his successor for a few weeks anyhow, that he may have the distinction of the longest continuous cabinet service of any American up to his time. The request of the President doubtless would be complied with.

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ALONG THE WHARVES

Arabia Arrives in From China Nineteen Days Out.

AURELIA OFF FOR BAY CITY

Barkentine Wrestler Down and Ready For Sea—Makawell To Follow—Costa Rica Sails This Morning—Sue H. Elmore Due To Sail—Odds and Ends.

The Lurline came down yesterday evening just a bit late but, got away in good season with plenty of business. Among her passengers from up river were Hon. B. A. Seaborg, and Rev. P. F. Ellefsen. First Mate Orville Olsen, of the Kamm flagship laid off in Portland yesterday for the purpose of uniting his future with that of Miss Sarah Meyers, of that city. Captain Al. Gray of this city took his watch for a few days, probably until Monday next. The Lurline brought down twenty-five tons of salt for the cold-storage plant of Schmidt & Company here.

The steamer Alliance arrived in from Coos Bay points yesterday, and while lying at the Callender pier here, went through her fire and boat drills in pretty fair shape. She had quite a number of passengers for Portland.

The fine China liner Arabia arrived in yesterday afternoon after a nineteen day run from the Far East. All well on board. She left up last night with Captain Archie Pease on the bridge.

The barkentine Wrestler came down yesterday morning on the lines of the Oklahoma, lumber laden for San Francisco, and will probably go over the bar today.

The schooner Alvena, fifteen days out from San Pedro, crossed in over the bar yesterday afternoon, and sailed up the bay, taking anchorage off the city.

The barkentine Makawell is due down this morning from Portland on the Oklahoma's hawsers, en route to San Pedro, with a cargo of lumber.

The steamer Aurelia arrived down from Rainier yesterday, and cleared from this port for San Francisco, and will probably go over the bar today.

The steamship Costa Rica is due down from Portland on her way to the Bay City. Miss Anna McLean will depart from here on this snug little ship.

The schooner W. D. Hume is due down from Stella this morning, en route to San Francisco, with a cargo of lumber.

The steamer Sue H. Elmore will leave for Tillamook points, if the bar and weather is promising.

The steamship Columbia is due at this port on Sunday morning next.

Rheumatic Pains Removed. B. F. Crocker, Esq., now 84 years of age, and for twenty years Justice of the Peace at Martinsburg, Iowa, says: "I am terribly afflicted with sciatic rheumatism in my left arm and right hip. I have used three bottles of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and it did me lots of good." For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

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