

Our Washington Letter

Special to the News from our regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 9.—If the United States flag is now flying over Hawaii, and if one can believe the associated press report sent by the latest steamer it may be, it is because Minister Sewall believed it to be necessary to raise it to circumvent some Japanese plot to seize the islands, and not because of any fear that the Hawaiian government could not stand alone until the annexation treaty was ratified. Minister Sewall's instructions gave him wide discretion. Washington officials do not believe that he has found it necessary to raise the stars and stripes, unless he has information that has not yet reached Washington showing the necessity for such action.

Not a single one of the charges of fraud and deception brought against John Wedderburn & Co., by the U. S. Patent Office, in the disbarment proceedings now going on against that firm has been disproved, and it is the opinion of those who have carefully followed the testimony taken that the firm will certainly be disbarred from practice before the Patent Office; and it will necessarily follow that their paper, the National Recorder, will be shut out of the mails.

It surprised a group of Western men when Mr. P. G. Vinton, of Louisiana, now paying a visit to Washington, said; "The biggest farm in the world is in the southwestern part of my state. It is owned and operated by a syndicate of northern capitalists and embraces 1,500,000 acres of land, devoted to the cultivation of cotton, corn, sugar and rice. East and west the estate extends 100 miles. The Southern Pacific Railway runs through it for nearly forty miles. A good deal of attention is paid to raising cattle, of which the syndicate own 16,000 head. The syndicate operates several steamers on the navigable rivers that run through their mammoth farm, and they have also rice mills, a shipyard, ice plant, and a bank."

Representative Graffenreid, of Texas, who has been on a trip through Canada, has returned to Washington. He says the Canadians are kind and hospitable, but are far behind the progressive spirit found in every part of the United States in almost everything, and that there is mingled with their feeling of jealousy and envy of the U. S. a sentiment of pride in our greatness that struck him as very amusing. He says that while 99 per cent of the Canadians want commercial reciprocity with the U. S. he did not come across a single

one who believed in or wanted political union with us, and that there is no doubting their loyalty to the British crown.

The cause for the selection of Hon. Theodore Roosevelt for Assistant Secretary of the Navy is becoming every day more apparent. Mr. Roosevelt has been acting Secretary more than half the time since he became Secretary Long's assistant, and as far as the direction of the navy is concerned is considered to be acting Secretary all the time. Mr. Roosevelt has devoted much study to naval matters and he has several times surprised old naval officials by his accurate knowledge of technical matters of which the ordinary landsman is densely ignorant, and he will probably surprise a few more of them when he goes to sea with Rear Admiral Sicard with the fleet, which has been ordered to assemble in Hampton Roads for a series of drills and sea manoeuvres. Secretary Long neither knows nor cares to take the time and trouble to learn these things: he is contented to wear the honors of the position and let Roosevelt do the work, and, of course, he has the authority to put a brake on Mr. Roosevelt's enthusiasm at any time it may be considered necessary to do so. Mr. Roosevelt was not chosen for this position by the President, but by Secretary Long himself. That makes their relations entirely agreeable to both; they are carrying out an understanding made before Mr. Roosevelt became Assistant Secretary.

Representative Bailey, of Texas, who isn't yet thirty-four year's old, is so well stocked with ambition that he is in the field as a candidate for Speaker of the House and for U. S. Senator simultaneously. probably the first man who ever tried to use two such strings to his bow. As a starter Mr. Bailey is a candidate for reelection to the House. That is conceded to be easy. Then if a majority of the next House should be democratic he will be a candidate for Speaker; if not, he will be a candidate to succeed Senator Mills, whose term expires in 1899. There is very little doubt that Mr. Mills, will be a candidate to succeed himself, and he is a hard fighter. Mr. Bailey knows that the task he has set before himself is no picnic.

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What Tommy Said.

Uncle John—Well, what do you mean to be when you get to be a man?

Little Tommy (promptly)—A doctor, like pa.

Uncle John (quizzically)—Indeed; and which do you intend to be, an allopath or a homœopath?

Little Tommy—I don't know what them awful big words mean, Uncle John; but that don't make no difference, 'cause I ain't goin' to be either of 'em, I'm just goin' to be a family doctor an' give all my patients Hood's Sarsaparilla, 'cause my pa says that if he is a doctor, he's 'bliged to own up that Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best family medicine he ever saw in his life.

RICH PLACER DISCOVERED.

Over Seventy Thousand Taken Out in Four Days.

WEAVERVILLE, August 8.—Squire Kimball, who has just arrived in Weaverville from Trinity Center, reports the richest find ever made in this county. John Graves, his brother and Mr. Carter, owner of a gravel mine on Coffee creek, near Trinity Center, took out of their claim in four days \$71,000 in gold dust. One piece weighed over fifty pounds, was three feet long and eight by three inches in thickness. The gold was found in the gravel about thirty feet from the surface, with no bedrock in sight.

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