

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

[SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.]

WASHINGTON, D. C. Jan. 27.—Congress woke up this week, and got down to business in both branches, and lively speeches were made in both House and Senate. Senators Wolcott and Vest, both of whom are good talkers, made speeches for and against the administration's Philippine policy, and the Senate showed once more, by a two-third vote against Senator Pettigrew's amendment to the Hoar resolution of general inquiry, which was afterwards adopted without a division, calling for the instructions given by the President to the Peace Commissioners, that it approved the President's Philippine policy. The Senate adopted the Hale resolution of inquiry concerning the seizure of American flour by the British, in South African waters, after it had been modified to a marked extent, and agreed to vote on the Financial bill February 15. There was also several speeches against the Financial bill, the most notable one made by Senator Teller.

That Roberts must go is the unanimous report of the committee. Two recommendations are made as to how to get rid of him. Seven members of the committee sign the recommendation that his seat shall be declared vacant, and two members, Littlefield, republican, and De Armond, democrat, recommend that he shall be seated and then expelled. The House will dispose of the matter early in the coming week, and Mr. Roberts will be given an opportunity to go home and try to square himself with his three wives.

Gen. Joe Wheeler has been relieved of duty in the Philippines and is on his way to Washington. He will not, according to the opinion of some of the best lawyers in Congress, be allowed to take his seat in the House, owing to his having held a military commission since the meeting of this Congress; which, it is claimed, vacated the seat in the House to which he was elected.

Although the Senate ratified the treaty under which the Samoan island of Tutuila, which has Pago Pago Harbor, becomes the U. S. territory without a recorded vote, there is a strong minority in the Senate which is opposed to the whole transaction, as they are to anything in the expansion line. They could not defeat the treaty, so they did not bother about recording their opposition. Aside from the anti-expansionists, the acquisition of this island is regarded as a good thing, not only because it gives us one of the finest harbors in the Pacific but because it dissolves the very unsatisfactory partnership with Germany and Great Britain for the control of the Samoan Islands.

While the House had the General Deficiency appropriation bill under discussion, the charges against Secretary Gage of favoring certain national banks, which the majority claims to have been refuted by Secretary Gage's answer to the resolution calling for all the correspondence etc. with national banks, a claim not admitted by the minority, were brought to the front by a speech of Representative Richardson, of Tenn., the minority leader, who claimed that the figures in the answer proved the correctness of some of the charges. This was vigorously confuted by Representative Hopkins, of Ill., who said the Secretary of the Treasury deserved nothing but commendation. For a moment it looked as though there would be trouble, when Mr. Hopkins asserted with heat that any man with a thimble full of

brains or any knowledge of law ought to have known better than to make a statement like that made by Mr. Richardson concerning the taxable status of the old Custom House in New York, which was sold to one of the alleged favored banks, but the matter was allowed to pass.

The administration is so anxious to see Congress authorize the laying of a Pacific cable to Manila, via Honolulu, that Secretary Long and Rear Admiral Bradford went before the Senate Naval Committee and presented arguments in favor of this legislation. The committee was told that cablegrams to and from Manila had cost the Navy Department \$26,000, and that the War Department is now paying \$1,000 a day in tolls.

If the friends of the Hepburn Nicaragua Canal Bill in the House can pass the bill, which the committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce has favorably reported the bill will have an excellent chance of being sent to the President, as practically the same bill has been favorably reported to the Senate, and, according to Senator Morgan, who is in charge of it, will be taken up and passed, if the House acts favorably upon it. Sentiment in the House strongly favors the bill, but there is a fear among its friends that the administration does not wish action on the question until the Isthmian Canal Commission, now at work, makes its report, which will not be before next year. Nothing can get through the House, under the rules now in force, that is not approved by the administration, and the Senate will not take the bill up until the House passes it.

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Willie Brownlee, 17 years old, was arrested Saturday at Eugene, on a charge of grand larceny. Brownlee has been in the employ of George F. Crow, to carry newspapers, messages, etc. About 10 days ago Mr. Crow missed \$225 in cash, which he left in his safe. The safe was kept locked during the daytime, and the key was in the desk, but the cashbox, in which the money was kept, was not locked. The boy was left in the office while Mr. Crow went to his lunch, and it is supposed the theft was

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committed at such a time. The boy was suspected, and has been kept under surveillance since, and was arrested just as he was about to leave on the northbound train. The major portion of the money was found on his person. His preliminary examination will be held Monday.

The Baldwins have just shipped five locomotives to the Great Central railway of England, and five to the Great Northern. They are also about to deliver 15 large passenger engines for the Pennsylvania Western lines.

The old Spanish cannon, from which are to be made the medals for the Second Oregon volunteers, arrived in Portland during the past week and was placed on exhibition on Third street, in front of General Summers' store. Aside from the use for which it is intended, great interest is attached to the old piece by reason of its history. In the first place, it is 124 years old. It was captured by the Second Oregon upon the fall of Manila. The cannon is curiously carved and mounted just as it appeared in the walled city of Manila.

Remember the Mask Ball of the A. O. U. W. in the Brick hall on February 14.

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CITATION.

In the County Court for the State of Oregon, County of Jackson.

In the matter of the estate of Tobias Miller, Deceased. Order to show cause why order of sale of real estate should not be made.

To Mrs. Elizabeth Hiatt, Mrs. Jane Risley, Mrs. Elmira Hopkins, E. H. Miller, Edwin Miller, Mrs. Lillie Hiatt, William Miller, and the unknown heirs of the said Tobias Miller and to all persons interested in said estate:

By order of the Hon. W. S. Crowell, Judge of the said County Court, made on the 16th day of January, 1900. You are hereby cited and required to appear before the said county court on Tuesday the Sixth day of March A. D. 1900, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day at the Court room of said County Court at the town of Jacksonville, in the County of Jackson to show cause why an order should not be granted to the undersigned administrator of the estate of said Tobias Miller, deceased, to sell so much of the hereinafter described real estate of the said deceased as shall be necessary to pay the debts of said decedent and the costs of administering his estate, to wit: Situated in said County of Jackson and State of Oregon, and being the S. W. 1/4 of the S. E. 1/4 of Sec. 5, and the N. 1/4 of the N. E. 1/4 and the N. W. 1/4 of the S. E. 1/4 of Sec. 8, in Township thirty-six, S. of R. three West, containing 160 acres, together with the water right and ditch thereto belonging. W. A. CARTER, Dated Jan. 26, 1900, Administrator.