

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

[SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.]

WASHINGTON, D. C. June 11.—There was excitement enough in the closing hours of Congress to please the most exacting. The Senate fought, wrangled and Senators engaged in personal and political abuse right up to adjournment, and enmity was aroused that will last the life time of some of the participants. Although politics was at the bottom of the squabbling, in several instances Senators took advantage of the opportunity to even up personal scores. The wrangle over the armor plate clause of the Naval appropriation bill, which was the last passed, was finally compromised by leaving it to Secretary Long to decide whether he will pay the price asked for armor plate or spending \$4,000,000 in establishing a plant for the government to make its own armor plate. A small appropriation for surveys in the same bill delayed adjournment a day.

The House finished its business ahead of the Senate, but it had an all-night session at which there was more excitement than business. A quorum was lost and the Sergeant-at-Arms and his assistants were chasing all over Washington arousing absentees so as to make a quorum in order that a recess might be taken, a quorum having been made necessary by the raising of a point of order. For a time there were threats of extending the session indefinitely, but they were not made good. The session was 138 days long, the shortest long session for years.

Congress provided for the promotion of Gen. Miles to lieutenant general and Gen. Corbin to major general, although it was a close fight up to the last minute, owing to opposition in the House to these promotions and to the clause in the same bill increasing the number of cadets at West Point, which also went through. Representative Lentz of Ohio made a bitter and sensational speech against the increase of cadets, but the House finally agreed to it, although the additional appointments to West Point are to be controlled by the President and Senators entirely.

Gen. Joseph Wheeler is now a full fledged brigadier in the regular army, having been nominated and confirmed by the Senate to fill the vacancy made by the promotion of

Gen. E. S. Otis to be a major general.

Southern members of Congress have called the attention of the Commissioner of Pensions to the wholesale robbery of ex-slaves by the agents of the so-called ex-slave pension organizations, but the knowledge was not new to Commissioner Evans, who says that the colored people of the South have been bled to the extent of more than a million by these unscrupulous men, who cannot be reached by any law. The only remedy is for intelligent persons to try to impress upon the minds of the ex-slaves that there is no possibility of Congressional legislation providing a pension for them and that money spent for the alleged purpose of pushing such legislation is absolutely thrown away.

The long fight over the nomination of ex-Congressman Byrum, of Ind., a gold democrat, to be General Appraiser at the port of New York, resulted in the rejection of the nomination by the Senate, the vote being 33 to 33.

The Senate refused to consider the anti-trust bill passed by the House with only one dissenting vote, and by a vote of 43 to 53 referred it to the Judiciary Committee.

The bill limiting the meaning of the word "conspiracy", and the use of restraining orders and injunctions in connection with labor troubles, in which the labor organizations are deeply interested, has been ordered to be favorably reported by the House Judiciary committee, with a proviso that the act shall not apply to cases in which threats, intimidation, or coercion, are shown to have been used.

Many of the gifts presented to Admiral Dewey since the battle of Manila are now on exhibition at the National Museum. It is a valuable and interesting collection, including two swords, one given by Congress and one purchased by popular dime subscriptions; a gold loving cup, from the citizens of New York; a gold medal encrusted with jewels, from the same source; silver loving cup purchased with popular subscriptions; silver vase from citizens of Savannah, Ga.; gold lined silver punch bowl, from citizens of St. Louis, several watches and a number of medals and trinkets. Two large cases are required to exhibit the collection.

The majority report of the House Military committee says martial law and military rule in the Coeur

d'Alene mining district of Idaho was right and proper, and the minority report says it was wrong and needless. The dividing line is politics.

The President presented Miss Clara Barton, president of the Red Cross, with the pen used to sign the bill incorporating the American National Red Cross, and took occasion to warmly congratulate Miss Barton on the splendid work done by the Red Cross during and since the war with Spain.

To the People of Gold Hill.

Since my return from Southern Oregon I have been receiving many inquiries from persons who want to locate. I will remain here until about July 10. If any of you readers know of a vacant situation (male or female) or of a good business opening, or a desirable farm or residence or mine for rent or for sale, etc., and will write to me, I can be of service to them. Address: E. C. PENTLAND, Independence, Oregon.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following deeds have been recorded in the office of the county recorder this week:

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H F G Whalers to I J Phipps, sw 1/4 of sec 32, twp 36, 1 w.	2000 00
Hilda J C Butler to J D Keifer; land in secs 26, 35 and 36, twp 35, 2 w.	1 00
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