

comes derived from certain corporations. In my great desire for the success of this measure I cannot restrain the suggestion that its success can only be obtained by means of unselfish counsel on the part of the friends of tariff reform, and as a result of their willingness to subordinate their personal desires and ambition to the general good of THE CIVIL SERVICE.

"The continual intelligent execution of the civil service law and the increasing approval by the people of its operation are most gratifying. I am, if possible, more than ever, convinced of the civil service laws not only in its effect upon the public service, but also, what is even more important in its effectiveness in elevating the tone of political life generally. This time when a depleted public treasury confronts us, when many of our people are engaged in a hard struggle for the necessities of life, and when enforced economy is pressing upon the great mass of our countrymen, I desire to urge with all the earnestness at my command that congressional legislation be so limited by strict economy as to exhibit an appreciation of the condition of the treasury and sympathy with the straitened circumstances of our fellow citizens.

Washington, D. C. Dec. 4.—Gresham declined this morning to talk in regard to the published report that the revenue cutter Corwin was to carry a message for the state department from San Francisco to Honolulu. Gresham was busy yesterday with dispatches which are to go on the Corwin. Of what these contain nothing can be learned. The fact of dispatching the Corwin so hastily leads to a surmise that the administration has changed its policy towards the islands.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The first senate session of the fifty-third congress assembled at noon. On many of the desks were floral tributes from the admirer of the respective occupants. Vice-President Stevenson had been remembered with a large basket of roses. Bunches of roses lay on the desk of Dolph, and the doughty champion of the white metal, Stewart, was the recipient of a basket of beautiful Maroon Nells. The galleries were well filled and a touch of color was lent to the scene by the bright winter toilets of the ladies present. Roll-call showed fifty-six senators present. After the preliminary business had been transacted, the President's message was read.

The galleries were filled when Speaker Crisp rapped the house to order at noon, with fully 300 members in seats. The committee on appropriation asked unanimous consent for the consideration of a bill appropriating \$50,000 additional to pay the salaries of officials engaged in the enforcement of the Chinese deportation and registration of a resolution for the appointment of a committee to investigate the Lehigh railway strike. Kilgore of Texas objected, and the resolution was referred. There seemed to be general air of disappointment that so little space was allotted to the Hawaiian question.

NEWS FROM HAWAII. Minister Willis Did Not Find Affairs as He Expected.

Port Townsend, Wash., Dec. 4.—The barkentine Kileklat, arrived today from Honolulu with advices to Nov 26, four days after the steamer Alameda sailed for San Francisco. Minister Willis submitted to an interview directly after the Alameda sailed, in which he said that the instructions from the United States government which he brought from Washington were not applicable to the condition of affairs then existing in the islands. This statement gave the annexationists much satisfaction, and the royalists were much displeased. The editor of the Evening Star requested Minister Willis to submit a statement to the public to allay the general feeling of uncertainty. In a published interview Willis reported to have said: "You are authorized to say for me that no change in the present situation will take place for several weeks. I brought with me certain instructions from the United States government on the Hawaiian situation. Since my arrival contingencies have arisen about which neither the United States government nor myself were aware when I left Washington. I have thought best in the exercise of the discretion allowed me, to submit these matters to Washington before proceeding further to carry out my original instructions. I forwarded my dispatches to Washington by today's steamer, and until I receive an answer to them no change will take place in the present situation, nor will any be allowed."

"What do you mean by the expression, 'nor will any be allowed?'" "I mean just this: That until the time comes for me to carry out my instructions, the peace and good order of this community will be kept undisturbed in the interests of humanity, that any attempt by any person or persons to make trouble will be promptly punished."

The crews of the United States men-of-war Philadelphia and Adams were held in readiness to be landed on a moment's notice. Newspapers containing Blount's report had not reached the islands when the Kileklat sailed.

FAVORS FREE LUMBER. Tacoma, Dec. 4.—"Put lumber on the free list," says Col. C. W. Griggs, president of the St. Paul and Tacoma Lumber Co., and one of the largest timber owners in the United States. "British Columbia cannot compete in the markets with the timber of Washington and Oregon. Our lumber is far superior to theirs, and we can sell where

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COMMENT IS ADVERSE Tom Reed Says the Message is a Disappointment. FREE EXPRESSION OF OPINION Other Congressmen Voice Their Sentiments on the Various Matters Dealt With.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The views of members of both houses concerning the message are freely expressed. Speaker Reed said: "It is exceedingly disappointing, both in matter and manner. That part of the message which relates to the tariff asseverates that the house committee in charge of the subject has formulated plans and devised methods which, as a member of that committee, I have never ever heard proposed. It is rather an unusual sensation to learn the deeds of the committee not in the committee room, but from the president of the United States. Has that committee ceased in form to be composed of both parties, and has it without even the formality of a word in open committee informed the president of its determination in such a way that the president can officially communicate it to the house? How long has it been part of our system that a committee of an independent branch, and above all, a committee which controls the purse shall report to congress through the president? Is this the result of the rumored blending of the appointive with the legislative power? It is bad enough to have the tariff bill made up by a little coterie, but to have it communicated to the president before it even reaches the committee, still less the house, shows a determination to be moved by no facts and modified by no arguments, which makes apparent the absurdity of appointing republicans of the committee of ways and means at all."

Mr. Springer approved the reference to Hawaii as the only course consistent with international honor and comity. Gear, of Iowa, says the president gives away the ways and means committee on the income tax; that he will restore Liliuokalani, and that he agrees with Hancock that the tariff is a loan issue. Boutelle—It is the first executive document which charges a United States minister with malfeasance and treason. Dalzell, of Pennsylvania—That portion on the tariff shows that facts weigh nothing with tariff reformers. Palmer—The president's impressions are wide of the mark regarding fraudulent pensions. Morrill—The indorsement of a tariff bill not yet acted on in committee is unexpected and remarkable. Mitchell—I am surprised to learn that the resignation of Queen Liliuokalani is really contemplated. Dubois—It is lacking in force, strength, and Americanism. Jones, of Nevada—There is no hope for silver while the present administration is in power. Shoup—I am disappointed at the absence of any recommendation of the recognition of silver. Recommendations relative to the international monetary conference and the request for further authority for the issue of bonds caused many significant shakes of the head on the part of the extreme silver men. The president's bold endorsement of the pension policy of the interior department of the civil service reform, and his appeal for rigid economy in appropriations, also attracted attention.

GOOD FOR THE INDULGENT. Topeka, Kas. Dec. 4.—Gov. Llewellyn this afternoon addressed a circular to all boards of metropolitan police commissioners. The circular after deterring the distress existing in the United States and Europe, orders the police guards to arrest no tramps on charges usually brought against this class.

THE CASE CONTINUED. Portland, Or. Dec. 4.—The smuggling case which was set for trial on Wednesday next has been continued.

NEW STARS FOR THE BANNER. Washington, Dec. 4.—One of the first sessions to pass the present session of congress will probably be one admitting Arizona, New Mexico and Utah to statehood.

A JUST SENTENCE. Portland, Or. Dec. 4.—O. P. Mason and B. P. Watson, convicted of criminal libel, were today sentenced to one year each in the penitentiary.

NOTABLE DEATH. London, Dec. 4.—Prof. John Tyndall died this evening.

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