

WASHINGTON.

From our regular correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10th, 1888.

Senator Beck's absence has been seriously felt in the Senate since the republican tariff bill has been taken up. He is the one democratic Senator who has the whole subject at his fingers' ends, and hope that he would be able to resume his seat at the present session, together with the idea, which for some reason was prevalent among the democratic Senators, that the republicans would not take up the tariff at this session, has doubtless prevented the democratic Senators from preparing themselves to make as stout a resistance as was expected of them to the passage of the bill. This may be remedied yet, but as it stands now the democrats of the House are expressing great dissatisfaction at what they call the "apathy" of democratic Senators. Mr. Cleveland is also understood to be dissatisfied. In the meantime Senator Beck's physician has ordered him to spend the winter in the South, and he will go to Aiken, S. C.

Representative Mills has broken down under the immense strain of the last session and the campaign. He will go in search of health, and is not expected to return to Washington during this session.

Last week it looked for a while as if the republicans were to lose the next House after all, a recount in several close districts resulting in favor of the democrats, and even now they appear to have a majority of only one, which so far as legislation is concerned is hardly better than a minority. The would be Speakers of the next House are all on the anxious bench.

Secretary Whitney has ordered three naval vessels to proceed to Hayti as soon as they can be made ready for sea, to enforce the demand made by the State Department for the release of an American vessel illegally seized by the Haytian Government.

One republican has been discovered who says that under no circumstances would he be a member of Harrison's cabinet. It is Senator Palmer, of Michigan. He says that after the fourth of March he is going to be a farmer.

The Direct-tax bill was called up in the House Thursday, and to-morrow and Wednesday will be devoted to it, with a vote on Wednesday. If it passes, as now seems probable, the general impression is that Mr. Cleveland will veto it.

No signs of the "business session" of which we have recently heard so much, have yet been discovered in Congress. The Senate adjourned from Thursday until today, and the House from Friday, and already the members are beginning to talk about the holiday recess, although a short time ago that was to be dispensed with this year.

No legislation looking to the admission of new states is probable at this session. The democrats are willing to pass a bill for the admission of Dakota as one state, provided that New Mexico is admitted at the same time. This does not suit the republicans.

A bill has been introduced in the House to make two states out of California, but nothing is expected to come out of it at this session.

Secretary Whitney favors the establishment in this city of an Army and Navy Museum. The Government has in its possession many articles that would make such an establishment a very interesting one to visitors, and the idea has been received with such favor that it is probable that Congress will pass a bill to that effect.

Senator Butler has introduced a joint resolution, proposing a constitutional amendment extending the presidential term to six years. It is an excellent idea, and should be adopted with an amendment making the President ineligible for a second term.

The House committee on invalid pensions has reported the pension appropriation bill. The amount appropriated is \$81,767,500, and yet some people are not satisfied with the liberality of the Government towards its former soldiers.

The House devoted last Friday to the Nicaragua canal bill. Considerable opposition was manifested. It will be again taken up next Friday.

Senator Plumb, in a few remarks on the Senate tariff bill, made the fact very plain that he does not approve of that measure as it now stands. He called attention to the duty on silvered glass, which caused every bureau manufactured to cost from two to three dollars more than it otherwise would. It is not made in the United States, and Mr. Plumb thinks it should go on the free list. He also spoke of the steel trust, and mentioned the fact that large sums of money had been saved in the construction of the State House of Texas and a public building at Wichita, Kans., by the purchase of steel joists, beams, etc., abroad. If Senator Plumb is not more careful in his speeches, he will rise up some morning, and find himself read out of the republican party.

throughout the late canvass the carpet manufacturing firm of Higgins & Co., of New York took an active part in depicting the woes which would overtake American wage-earners in the event of the re-election of Cleveland upon a 'Tariff-Reform' platform. Cleveland was not re-elected but the firm has ordered a reduction of wages. It cannot wait, it seems, for the prosperity which is to follow the inauguration of Mr. Harrison next March. Now if the Democrats had carried the country at the late election, and the Higgins concern had followed with a reduction, would not the Protection organs have drawn a terrible moral from the incident? We fancy we can hear the voice of the eminent statistician and Paladin of the New England Tariff Barons, Robert P. Porter, shouting the requiem of American industry. But where is the doughty Robert now?

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