

From our regular correspondent.
WASHINGTON.

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Representative Springer, backed by 143 of his colleagues, has given the republican Senate an opportunity of showing how sincere the great interest they are constantly expressing for the territories really is. If they accept Mr. Springer's bill as passed by the House, South Dakota with two Representatives and Montana with one will be admitted as states by Presidential proclamation just as soon as the voters accept the constitutions already formed, and North Dakota, Washington and New Mexico may be admitted by Congress as soon as their constitutions are formed. If they reject this bill, they postpone for months the admission of any of the territories.

Senators Gorman, Vest, Vance and others are vigorously combating the growing sentiment among the democrats in the House to accept the Senate tariff bill as better than no legislation on the subject. They argue that the Senate bill is more objectionable than the existing law, as it increases the duties on articles in which the masses are directly interested—namely iron, cotton and wool. They contend that when the bill is referred to a conference committee, the democratic conferees should be instructed to take a firm stand in behalf of the necessities of life, and let the republicans take all the responsibilities of framing a tariff bill to suit themselves in the next Congress. The other side of the question is represented by Representatives Wilson, of West Virginia, and Catehings, of Mississippi, who are of the opinion that the republicans would be greatly disappointed if the House should agree to the Senate bill, and for that reason they favor doing so, as the measure contains some good things and is therefore better than no bill. They contend that as long as the republicans claim to have carried the election on their tariff ideas that they should be allowed to pass their bill. That this is the status of the matter at this time. But those who are in positions to know say that the Senate bill will never be considered by the House.

The old adage that "a house divided against itself will fall," is likely to prevent the passage of a bill admitting Utah as a state, notwithstanding the fact that a democratic caucus of the House has agreed to pass it. Governor West, of Utah, is here working hard to prevent the passage of such a bill, and delegate Caine, of the same territory is vigorously working in its favor. Both being democrats, what they have to say on the subject is carefully listened to by their party associates.

An amendment giving a bounty of one cent per pound on all sugar produced in this country has been added to the Senate tariff bill, but it required a vigorous use of the party whips to bring the republican Senators into line, and even then Senator Quay voted against it.

General J. C. Black, Commissioner of Pensions, will, it is thought, be appointed Judge Advocate General of the Army, unless it shall be shown that he is ineligible, which is claimed by some prominent men.

Senator Morgan has given "granny" Blair another tongue lashing. Some people would get tired of such treatment, but Senator Blair seems to thrive on it, indeed he almost looks disappointed if he has anything to say and does not receive some abuse. He often gets it from his own party as well as from democrats.

The active fight that Mr. Blaine is giving McKinley in his fight for the Speakership is having its effect. His chances are now regarded as best by close observers, but if Blaine should get "turned down" by Harrison it will cause a big tumble in McKinley stock.

There are nearly 250 nominations pending before the Senate, the most of them for postmasters. There is no reason why they should not be confirmed except that the republicans want to keep the places for Harrison to fill.

Tom Reed, of Maine, is much discomfited at the manner in which Blaine is undermining his strength in the Speakership canvass. Blaine never forgets or forgives an injury, and nothing is too small for him to undertake in order to get even with people.

On Saturday afternoon last, the President and Mrs. Cleveland received a visit from Vice-President and Mrs. Morton. The latter have been in the city for several days. They are stopping at the Normandie, a new hotel in a fashionable quarter the success of which was assured by Blaine having taken up his winter residence there.

Advices just received at the state department from Samoa indicate that Germany has got into a rumpus with Uncle Sam that will have to be apologized for or else a war may follow. Secretary Bayard is reticent on the subject, preferring to await particu-

lars in regard to the reported insult to the American flag by German officers.

Mr. W. W. Dudley escapes indictment under the ruling of Judge Woods that the bribery proposed in his letter, and for which the funds were held in readiness, must be proved to have been effected by the party to whom his letter was addressed. This is equivalent to a Scotch delivery—"Guiltily, but not proven." Judge Woods reversed himself by this ruling, and has made the business of corrupting voters in Indiana a very safe proceeding.

Having voted that the people shall pay a bounty of one cent a pound to all manufacturers of domestic sugar, and a tax of more than that upon all imported sugar, and doubled the tax on every dinner-pail, teapot and tin can, the Republican Senators feel rather nervous about the fate of their bill. The Democrats could ask no better issue on which to go to the people than that afforded by this monstrous measure.

Gen. Harrison is reported by an Ohio delegate as saying: "I never saw such a scramble for office in my life." Mr. Harrison will see it surpassed when he gets to Washington. He may become a Civil-Service Reformer for self-protection. The G. O. P. is "very hungry and very thirsty," though only four years absent from the crib.

Rutherford B. Hayes solemnly announces that he has no idea of going into President Harrison's Cabinet. This is a most remarkable admission from an Ohio man.

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