

From our regular correspondent,
WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7th, 1888.

President Cleveland and Secretary Bayard have every right to be proud over their action in the Samoan matter. They have made the greatest bully of the nineteenth century—Bismarck—get down on his marrow bones and acknowledge himself in the wrong, and promise to do better in the future. What is to come out of this Samoan squabble remains to be seen, but up to the latest date American rights and honor were intact, and likely to remain so.

The refusal of Senator Allison to bury his presidential aspirations by becoming Secretary of the Treasury for General Harrison has knocked the cabinet makers silly. They do not seem able to pull themselves together yet, or to know what to say next. It is believed that John Sherman chuckles to himself every time he gets in a dark place over Mr. Harrison's trouble in making up his cabinet.

Representative Springer is a happy man. After working for many weary months against a determined opposition he has the satisfaction of seeing the Oklahoma bill passed by the House with a good healthy majority. The bill now goes to the Senate where the fight will begin again, but owing to the shortness of the session it will have to be made sharp and quick by the friends of the measure or it will be lost. John Bushyhead, ex-Governor of the Cherokee nation, says the President has promised him to veto the bill should it get through the Senate.

A strong appeal to the public in favor of American shipping was made by the American Shipping League which held its annual session here last week. Friday evening a public meeting was held at which a number of prominent democrats and republicans made speeches commending the work undertaken by the League. A notable feature of the speeches was the complimentary manner in which the republican speakers alluded to Secretary Whitney. Representative Boutelle, of Maine, called him the "enterprising and wide-awake Secretary of the Navy," etc. When one at all familiar with the Navy Department under previous administrations looks at what Mr. Whitney has accomplished, and how little it has cost, comparatively, he cannot help commending the hard working Secretary for the good he has done, and regretting that the country is so soon to lose the services of such a man.

The number of nominations unacted upon and now pending before the Senate is over 400. When a republican Senator is asked whether his party proposes to "hang up" all these nominations for good, he will begin to talk with great interest about something else.

The Agricultural Department bill is now ready for the President's signature and there is little doubt about that being promptly affixed. If President Cleveland appoints a Secretary of Agriculture, Commissioner Coleman will be the man.

Representative Houck, of Tennessee, who is trying to boom Mahone into the Cabinet, has received a letter from Ben. Butler endorsing Mahone for Postmaster-General. Stop a moment and think, dear reader, of the combination, Butler and Mahone. What a pair they would make. It would be exceedingly hard to make it three of a kind, and to make it fours would be impossible. Butler endorses Mahone but who endorses Butler, that's the interesting question.

The House committee on Ways and Means will endeavor to get up a compromise tariff bill embodying those features of the Mills and Senate bills that both sides can accept without too great a back-down. But owing to the short time left to the Fiftyeth Congress it is doubtful if anything comes of it. It is said that John Wanamaker, the man who is to get a seat in the coming cabinet because he raised \$500,000 for the republican corruption fund, has bought a residence in this city for \$80,000. He is making politics quite an expensive luxury.

The advance guard of the grand army of republican bread-and-butter patriots has arrived in Washington. Every man of them wants an office. In less than six months some of them who are now asking for big positions will be trying to compromise on a place as messenger or watchman in some of the Departments.

The House committee on Territories will decide on Wednesday as to the advisability of reporting the bill admitting Utah; also, Mr. Springer's second "omnibus" bill admitting Arizona, Wyoming and Idaho.

Speaker Carlisle says he looks forward with pleasure to giving up the cares of the office he has held so long. It is generally conceded that he has made one of the most impartial Speakers the House has ever had.

Mr. Cleveland has had to send in another veto. He could not see why a widow whose husband died in 1883 of typhoid fever could be entitled to receive a pension.

The Senate's rejection of the British Extradition treaty was by the decisive vote of 38 to 15, nor was the division on party lines.

The veto of Governor Penoyer of the Portland water bill was sustained in the house yesterday by a veto of 37 yeas to 22 nays, there not being two thirds in favor of the passage of the bill over the veto of the governor. The 22 members who voted to sustain the veto of the governor deserve the thanks of every honest tax payer of the state. The people of the state are in hearty sympathy with the efforts of Portland to secure pure water, but they draw the line when they are virtually asked to tax themselves to secure that which Portland should secure for itself. Now let the same bill be at once introduced without the exemption clause and it will pass without objection.

Some days ago we called attention to certain charges made by an Eastern Oregon newspaper against Hon. T. E. Fell member of the legislature from Morrow county. The Heppner Gazette makes a defense for Mr. Fell, which while not without its weakness, yet may be regarded as sufficient to put the paper in question to its proof. We know nothing about the matter and must regard Mr. Fell as exonerated until the Budget adduces proof to sustain its charges.

Booth and Barrett the world-renowned comedians will be in Portland in May.

The senate tariff bill will be reported back to the house the middle of next week.

READ THIS.—Mr. W H Greenwood has purchased the gallery formerly occupied by Mr. L V Clark. He is now prepared to do all styles of photographic work from a locket to life size ana. can finish in oil, water color, India ink and crayon. Mr. Greenwood is just from the east and is thoroughly acquainted with first-class work. He has come here to make this his home and cordially invites the public generally to call and get acquainted. He comes highly recommended as a first-class artist.

Estray Notice.

Taken up by the undersigned, one dark bay mare, 10 or 12 years old, weighs about 1000 pounds, has a few white hairs on withers and root of tail, has a stiff neck, branded thus y has been at my place about 16 months.

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