

From our regular correspondent,
WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11th, 1888.

Mr. Cleveland has removed Civil Service Commissioner Edgerton and nominated Hugh S. Thompson of South Carolina, to succeed him. Mr. Thompson is assistant Secretary of the Treasury at present and a very warm friend of the President. The removal of Mr. Edgerton was not a surprise to anyone familiar with the workings of the Commission. It had several times been intimated to him that his resignation would be accepted, but he refused to take the hint, and finally when the President asked him in plain language to resign he declined to do so, and the removal followed. Mr. Edgerton is a good man, but holding the opinions he does he should never have accepted the office in the first place. The removal leaves only one Commissioner in office, and he is a republican. For that reason it is thought that the Senate will probably confirm Mr. Thompson, as the law provides for a democrat on the board, and there is another vacancy into which Gen. Harrison can put a republican.

Representative Springer thinks his "Omnibus" bill will yet get through in spite of the fact that the conferees have failed to agree upon it. He says that three, if not more, republican Senators will vote with the democratic Senators to admit New Mexico. I shall only believe it when they do it.

The report of the Treasury experts on the tariff bill shows that outside of the internal revenue features the measure will only make a reduction of from three to five millions of dollars. The House Ways and Means committee will report the bill this week, with a recommendation that it be rejected. Just what will follow if it is rejected it is difficult to say. The internal revenue features of the bill are satisfactory to quite a number of democrats in the House, and unless they can be satisfied that the Cowles bill, repealing the tobacco tax, now in the hands of Mr. Randall's committee, or a similar one will be immediately reported to the House, I shall not be surprised to see the Senate bill adopted. And I believe that its adoption would create far more dissatisfaction among republicans than democrats.

Senator Vest is going to have some fun with the republican Senators when the Senate conferees on the Springer "Omnibus" bill make their report to the Senate. Mr. Vest will prove by the Record that in 1875, when New Mexico was thought to be republican, that many republicans now in the Senate voted in the House for the admission of that Territory along with Colorado. Now he wants to know why these same men oppose the admission of that territory. The inference is very plain to Senator Vest and everybody else. New Mexico is now democratic. What care these republican Senators for consistency when party interests are at stake.

There is a movement here which is said to have the President's approval, to have Senator Kenna withdrawn from the contest in West Virginia. The idea is that it is impossible to have Senator Kenna re-elected, and that some other democrat may be elected, thus saving the seat to the party. As a compensation it is proposed that the President shall nominate Mr. Kenna Interstate Commissioner, "Senatorial courtesy" making it certain that he would be immediately confirmed.

Secretary Bayard has once more become a target for criticism. He has demanded the resignation of H. H. Sewell, U. S. Consul General to Samoa. Mr. Sewell has recently been a witness before the foreign committees of the House and Senate, and in his testimony regarding Samoan matters he took occasion to express opinions criticising the Department of State in a somewhat severe manner. Whether Mr. Bayard has done right or wrong in compelling him to resign at this time is a question, but like the rest of us, Mr. Bayard is human, and has punished his subordinate officer for indiscretion. Anybody else might have done the same thing under the same circumstances.

So after the fourth of March Mr. Cleveland will resume the practice of law, in New York city. It is said that this is the preliminary step to his being sent to the Senate as successor to Senator Everts whose term will expire in 1891. This is very probable if the democrats can succeed in capturing the legislature of New York as they expect to do. At any rate it is safe to say that a man of Grover Cleveland's experience, pluck and back-bone will not be allowed to remain in private life. Such men are too rare, and too badly needed in public life.

The President has sent the bill making an Executive Department of the department of Agriculture to the Attorney General for an opinion as to its constitutionality. This action has caused the circulation of the report that he was contemplating a veto of the measure.

General Longstreet and Colonel Mosby are here presumably fixing up things to get something from Harrison.

General Sherman is a long ways ahead of most Republican newspapers and politicians. When he advocates dropping the word Union from soldiers homes and the admission of ex-Confederates within their doors he will find himself practically alone, so far as the men who hold the Republican party together are concerned. It is the suggestion of a whole-hearted old soldier who did his fighting when there was need of it, but he cannot hope for support from men who only awake to the importance of the struggle twenty years after it had ceased.

The liquor question troubles the Canadian government but little less than it worries officials on this side of the line, and the charge is freely made against Sir John Macdonald that he winks at the encroachments of the liquor interests very much as the Republican party does in the states.

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