

From our regular correspondent.
WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21st, 1889.

Congressional matters are in a pretty badly mixed condition. Notwithstanding the extraordinary promptness of the appropriations committee in disposing of their business, the House still has three appropriation bills to act on in their first stage. Only one of these, the general deficiency, which is necessarily the last for the committee to consider, came from Mr. Randall's committee. The other two are the post office and the Indian bills. After the House passes these they will have but a short time for consideration in the Senate committee and in the Senate. It is not impossible that one or more of them will fail. The conference committee have agreed upon the amendments to the legislative bill, over which there was very little controversy. This and other conference reports have yet to be considered in the House. With all this and the contested election case to take up much of the short time left for the session, it is likely that some important matter may be pinched on the 4th of March, especially if a tariff discussion is yet to be indulged in. There is no sort of a chance apparent for the tariff legislation, but the ways and means committee expect to get action on the Mills resolution before adjournment. They expect to be able to pass it; they don't know certainly whether they can or not, but they propose to get an expression of opinion on the subject.

The democratic Senators are making great efforts to secure action on the President's late nominations. It is reported that they have some plan on foot by which they hope to force action on some of those they are most anxious about. It is suggested that the President may withhold his approval from some of the measures the republicans are most interested in, and let them die on the 4th of March if certain nominations are not confirmed.

Senator Harris has made a resolution and there is no doubt that he will keep it. The failure of the Senate to confirm the President's appointments has decided the Tennessee Senator to make a motion daily to the end of the session to go into executive session and consider nominations. He finds that Mr. Cleveland's nominations to the number of 277 have been pigeonholed. In contrast, President Arthur made 612 nominations subsequent to the election in 1884, and all but 20 were confirmed, while Mr. Hayes nominated 680 officials in the same period, and but few of them were not confirmed. The figures, it is claimed, speak well for the present administration. The number is not unusual—rather under than over the number of routine appointments.

The Japanese minister and Madame Mutsu are greatly enjoying the present social season, and have entertained Washington society superbly. The legation is in excellent order, and its occupants are still on hospitable thoughts intent. The spaces in the long drawing room are artistically broken up by a clever arrangement of screens. Some of these are particularly notable. One is covered with a cloth of gold, with the design of a rocky coast with a flight of birds over it, woven into the cloth. The cabinets in the room are of exquisite workmanship, and the bamboo chairs are upholstered in purple tapestry, brocaded with birds and branches of trees. The minister prizes greatly a tall Satsuma vase, enamelled on silver, accompanied by a parchment containing the congratulations of 2,000 people, sent him when his appointment as minister to this country was announced. Madame Mutsu entertains her intimate friends with music on the "Koto," the Japanese piano. It is six feet long by about eight inches across, and the silk strings are drawn lengthwise on the rounded top. It is mounted upon a rest which is an unusual position for it, as it is wont to stand upon tiny feet, the performer sitting upon a mat in the Oriental home. In the drawing room of the American legation the performer must occupy a chair.

The President is realizing, evidently, that the 4th of March is near at hand, and that it will be necessary for him in order to leave his desk clear for Mr. Harrison, to spend every possible minute on the mass of business accumulation by reason of the approaching end of Congress. The bills are coming in upon him rapidly, and he had, undoubtedly, considerable business of a private nature to wind up. In consequence he has made an official request that he be let alone during the week, as it will be absolutely necessary for him to have these six days for uninterrupted work. In other words he will not be at home. There is an air of extreme quiet at the White House nowadays which was broken only by the round of receptions, the last of which occurred last night, to the public.

The joint convention of the two houses of congress assembled to count the electoral votes omitted to make note of the fact that, while Harrison and Morton had a majority of 65 electoral votes, Cleveland and Thurman had a majority of the popular vote of about 98,000. Perhaps this was not the time nor the occasion to call attention to this latter circumstance. All the same, it is just as well to bear it in mind.

Fresh garden and grass seeds at Stewart & Sox's.

Included in the mineral resources of Utah, apart from its precious metals, are deposits of alum, some recently discovered veins of which are eighteen inches thick and several hundred feet in length, of dazzling whiteness and great purity. Beds of niter are also found sufficiently pure to readily fuse them when thrown on hot coals. Ozokerite, or natural mineral wax, a rarity elsewhere, is found here in large quantities. It is air, acid and water proof, and can be used for imparting these qualities to other substances. As an insulator it is said to be perfect and would doubtless be found a superior insulating material for electrical appliances. It could also be adopted as the basis for a cheap yet desirable paving material and for indurating piles and posts to prevent decay. A somewhat similar discovery is gilsonite, found on analysis to contain about 80 per cent of carbon or asphalt in pure form. Of the latter a vein has been discovered three feet wide and over a mile in length—a supply that, if worked, would be found almost inexhaustible. As is now well known, the Great Salt Lake is an immense, limitless magazine of salt, that can be readily obtained in any desired quantity by the simple process of evaporation. From this lake vast quantities of sulphate of soda are also secured, blown on shore at certain temperatures by the winds, where hundreds of tons are often piled up in a single night, that can be utilized in the cheap production of sal-soda and carbonate of soda.

The *Medford Mail*, a staunch republican paper, says:

Governor Penoyer has made a record by sensible vetoes that will endear him to the entire people of the state. An exchange says The Portland Water Bill has again been passed and again vetoed by the governor; this time as before the house sustains the veto, much to the disgust of the Portland Capitalists and to the general satisfaction of the mass of the people. Again in his vetoes of Dawson's bill creating a railroad commission, the governor sought to guard the public interests by not permitting a useless expense.

We may safely predict that very few of the present legislature will be called upon to act in a similar capacity two years hence. And we can safely add that there will be no called session.

A New Yorker who went on his wedding trip to the "Hub" tells that in the elevator of his hotel he met a pleasant faced and quiet spoken gentleman, who on finding strangers desirous of seeing the city, escorted the young couple about for nearly half a day. Among the places visited were the City Hall and the Mayor's office, with which the Bostonian seemed remarkably familiar. "Which is the Mayor?" asked the New Yorker of his guide, there being half a dozen persons in the office. "Oh, I am the Mayor," was the astonishing reply of his guide, but so he proved to be.

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January 29th, 1889,

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Seio, Jan. 31st, 1889.

G. F. LONG.