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## DAILY DEMOCRAT.

WASHINGTON.

From our regular correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1, 1890.

Czar Reed could not hide the chagrin he felt to-day when he arose to call the House to order and looked upon the numerous empty seats on the republican side. The quorum of republicans, so necessary to enable him to carry out his partisan designs, was not there. The republican bosses say they will have a quorum in a day or two, and that when the members once get here they will compel them to stay, but that remains to be seen. Talk is cheap, but it will require the presence of a quorum of republicans to pass any measure tainted in the slightest degree with politics through the House. This much is fully determined by the democrats.

Mr Harrison's message reads more like a partisan political harangue delivered from the stump in the midst of a heated campaign than like the calm non-partisan dignified communications the American people have a right to expect from the president of the United States. What it contains has been largely discounted ever since it was known that he had decided to act upon the advice of the most radical members of his party. It pleases the Reed, McKinley, Hoar, Cannon and Lodge element in his party, but it would be decidedly interesting to know just what such men as Senators Plumb, Paddock, and Pettigrew, who voted against the McKinley abortion, which it so stoutly defends, think of it; and also to know whether they propose to continue acting with the republican party, of which Harrison is the recognized official head, against the material interests of their constituents. Interesting developments may be confidently expected during the session of congress which begun to-day, not the least of which will be the action of the republicans who are opposed to the McKinley tariff—there are lots of them in both Houses and Senate, who voted for the bill under compulsion.

Mr Harrison, in his message, has made a desperate attempt to stem the Blaine current in his party and secure a renomination. He recognizes, as does every body else, that if he is not nominated in 1892 he will stand before the country as rebuked by the party which nominated and elected him to the presidency. This humiliating condition he very naturally would like to escape; hence his present efforts.

Mr Wainwright devotes considerable space in his annual report to his postal telegraph hobby. He also says that one cent letter postage would be a good thing, and then proceeds to throw cold water on the suggestion by inserting a lot of figures to prove what a great big deficiency it would create in the postal revenues. In plain words he thinks to humbug the people by pretending to favor one cent letter postage, and then makes an argument to influence congress against giving it to us. If that isn't "cheap John" statesmanship, I should like to hear a better name for it.

Senator Quay has arrived, and before he had got the Florida mud off his boots he was waited upon by a delegation of republican moguls and asked how soon he intended to resign his position as chairman of the republican national committee. He paralyzed his questioners by telling them that he had no present intention of resigning, and then coolly asked them what they proposed doing about it. This leaves the aforesaid Moguls in a pickle. There is no way they can force Quay out until the next national convention names a new committee. Quays friends, strange as it may appear he has some, say that he was anxious to retire from the head of the committee just after the presidential election, and that the same men who now want to kick him out persuaded him to remain, and that he does not intend to be froze out.

Representative Oates, of Alabama, is at work upon a bill, which he will shortly introduce in the House, providing for an income tax upon all annual incomes in excess of \$10,000, in order to help raise the money needed to pay pensions. Col. Oates says his bill will probably not be passed by this congress, but it will be discussed, and if public sentiment favors it, and he thinks it will, it may be passed by the fifty-second congress. It is absolutely certain that in the near future either the pension rolls of the government will have to be revised and reduced or some means of raising a larger revenue adopted.

A democratic caucus will probably be held this week for the purpose of definitely deciding upon the course of the party during the present session of congress, although it is hardly necessary, as the party in congress is so nearly of one mind.

The campaign for the speakership of the next House is practically at a stand-still, and will so remain until it is definitely known whether there is to be an extra session in the spring. Everything now points that way, but the democratic leaders would like to avoid it.

The Oregonian thinks that Cleveland's views on the silver problem will stand in his way for the nomination for the presidency. But that paper seems to forget that it is said that Cleveland has changed his views on that question, and doubtless with more reason than that paper changed its views on the tariff question.

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