

WASHINGTON. (From our regular correspondent.)

Dec. 22, 1890.

Senator Stewart's open revolt against the republican caucus and his manly speech against the Force bill are the talk of the town and likely to remain so for some time to come, notwithstanding the nearness of Christmas. That he voiced the real sentiments of a number of his republican colleagues cannot for a moment be doubted, but none of them are expected to display the "sand" exhibited by the Nevada Senator, and I understand that he acted largely from spite, because Mr Harrison and the republican leaders in both Senate and House have combined to prevent the passage of a free coinage bill. Whatever his motive it has wonderfully stiffened the backbone of the republican opponents of the Force bill.

Senator Paddock, another republican opponent of the bill, is growing restive and has given notice that if the bill is not disposed of very soon he intends asking the senate to take up his Pure Food bill.

The republican caucus voted in favor of changing the senate rules in order to cut off debate, but it is not yet certain that they can succeed. Mr Hoar and his associates in the pushing of the Force bill are in a peck of trouble, and it is growing worse instead of better. They fear to make the attempt to change the rules because they are not certain that they can carry it through even if they can get it to a vote, which is a matter of doubt, as the democrats have announced their determination to debate the proposed change, which must be made under the present rules, for the remainder of the session. One thing is certain the change cannot be made without revolutionary rulings on the part of the presiding officer of the senate.

If anything is to be done this week by the republicans in the senate it will have to be done without the assistance of Senators Allison and Ingalls, both of whom have gone home without being paired. So far the republicans have refused to even consider taking a holiday recess, and present indications are that they will hold sessions right along, and, of course, the democrats will be compelled to attend, because if they stay away the republicans would be certain to crowd the Force bill through.

In the House a quorum has gone glimmering, and there isn't much probability that one will be seen there again before January.

The republican bosses are believed to have secretly decided that no financial legislation shall be passed at this session, although they are making a great pretense of considering the bill which the republican caucus went through the farce of endorsing, which provides for the purchase of 12,000,000 ounces of silver in monthly installments of 2,000,000 ounces and for the receding of the \$25,000,000 of fractional coin and trade dollars now lying idle in the treasury. They would have been willing to allow this bill to pass, but it was no sooner reported to the senate than Senator Reagan offered an amendment providing for free coinage. Then it was decided that it was too risky to allow the bill to be voted on, so the matter stands at present.

Senator Pettigrew wants to make another Indian scare impossible, so he has introduced a bill prohibiting the sale of fire arms and ammunition to Indians on reservations. The general impression is that there is already such a law in existence, which has been violated with the connivance or through the neglect of government officials. This whole Indian business will probably be investigated by congress, Senator Manderson has offered a resolution to that effect. There is a general desire on the part of senators and representatives to get at the real status of the Indians.

There has been some hitch in the issuing of a proclamation by Mr Harrison inviting foreign nations to take part in the World's Fair, but it is now said to be all right, and that the proclamation will be issued this week.

It is already apparent that at least \$50,000,000 will be required to make up the deficiencies in the last session appropriations. These deficiencies are the results of the deliberate action of the republicans, in order to make the country believe that they were keeping the appropriations down.

Senator Blair is posing in a new role—that of funny man, and it is a decided improvement on his ordinary ones.

Senator Stanford made an hour's speech Friday explaining his bill for loaning money on farm mortgages at 2 per cent per annum. The bill has been referred to the finance committee, every member of which is opposed to it.

Senator Spooner spoke all day Saturday in favor of the Force bill, and it was jocularly said that he was trying to earn his appointment to the bench of the Supreme Court.

HINTS TO HOUSEKEEPERS.

Span candy may be made after a fashion with a fork. When the sugar has reached the proper degree, if a four tined fork be dipped in and drawn slowly out it will spin a thread, which may be wrapped around a framework of whatever you may choose.

Hot water applied to a bruise will allay pain and prevent discoloration. It has superseded medical "eye waters" in the treatment

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