

Washington, Dec. 11, 1893.

President Cleveland was no more disturbed by the seeming discourtesy of the senate in adopting a resolution, asking for copies of all state department documents relating to Hawaii, than he was by the senseless clamor which followed the publication of Secretary Gresham's recommendation on the same subject some weeks ago. Before the resolution was introduced he had given orders that all of the documents be copied for the purpose of sending them to congress with the special message on the subject which he stated in his annual message would shortly be sent in. The message and accompanying documents are all ready and they will go to the senate this week, and some of those documents will not make pleasant reading for republicans, either in or out of congress. They will show a long series of plotting that is entirely opposite to what has always been the recognized foreign policy of the United States.

Your correspondent had a little chat with Chairman Wilson concerning the tariff bill. He said that the bill would be reported to the house this week, probably on Wednesday, and that he had been agreeably surprised at the weakness of the democratic opposition to the bill. The question of submitting the bill to a democratic caucus is still an open one. Personally Mr Wilson is in indifferent, being perfectly satisfied to leave it to his democratic colleagues to decide whether to hold a caucus on the bill or not. He thinks that the permanent benefit which the bill will carry to millions of our people will far outweigh the hardships that it will temporarily impose on thousands, and that in the end it will be generally regarded as one of the best tariff laws ever placed upon our statute books. He looks for minor changes in the bill, both in the house and in the senate, but not for any changes in its underlying principles—the welfare of the masses rather than that of the favored few.

The internal revenue bill has not been entirely completed, but it probably will be this week. It has been definitely decided to double the tax on cigarettes; to tax playing cards, and to tax inheritances. The income tax is still undecided, but the probability is that the tax on net incomes of corporations, which was first agreed upon by the committee, will remain in the bill, the understanding being that the members of the committee who favor a personal income tax instead will be at liberty to offer that as a substitute for the corporation income tax and leave it to a majority of the house to decide which, if either of them, shall remain in the bill. Representative Bryan, of Nebraska, who is recognized as a leader of the democrats on the ways and means committee who favor the personal income tax, has not abandoned hope of winning in the committee. He said on the subject: "The fact that the corporation tax would bear heavily on many people with very limited means, while the individual tax would be collected from the wealthy who escape taxation in many forms, is having its influence. If the tax is levied on individual incomes the rich will then pay their proper proportion which they do not at present and would not under the corporation tax." A compromise has been suggested by which both corporation and individual incomes will be taxed.

The first result of the work of the joint congressional committee which has for months been investigating the methods of the executive departments of the government will be seen when the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill is reported to the house. That bill will make some radical changes in several of the departments, all in the interest of economy and a more prompt transaction of public business. Among these changes will be the abolishment of the postal note and of several bureaus of the postoffice department, the work of which is not considered necessary. This is only the beginning of the work of the committee, which has three expert accountants aiding it in locating all unnecessary handling of public accounts and duplication of work. Its intention is to put the government business upon the same basis as that of the railroad or other big private concerns before it gets through, but it is already finding it a hard task as the employees of the useless bureaus appear to have more congressional friends than any other class of government employees.

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The Senate will this week begin the consideration of the election repeal bill. Senator Hill will lead the democratic forces.

STATE RIGHTS.

The legislature of Georgia has recently declared for the free coinage of silver, thus denying the right of the national government to interfere with or restrict the issue of paper currency by the authority of the state legislature. This is the doctrine of state's rights pure and simple.

The constitution of the United States declares that congress has the right to coin both gold and silver, and to regulate the value thereof, but there, the Georgians contend, its power ceases. If there be any other power, it is vested in the states. It is not clear that Georgia is right in the position she has taken, but if she is, there is nothing to prevent other states from following her example. It will be interesting to know how this conflict between state and federal rights on the money question will terminate.—Salem Independent.

We do not understand what action the Georgia legislature has taken, having seen no account of the matter, but if that body has merely expressed its sentiment in favor of free coinage of silver by congress, it has done nothing more than it has a right to do. But if it assumes to coin money and regulate the value thereof it is doing what it has no right to do, nor would such action be states' rights pure and simple. "States' rights" pure and simple is the doctrine that all the powers of legislation and administration that are not delegated to congress by the constitution of the United States nor prohibited by it to the states are reserved to the states.

These powers not so delegated to congress are the rights of the states—states' rights. But the power to coin money, [not necessarily out of gold or silver but out of any substance congress may choose] is expressly delegated to congress, hence no state has the power to coin money. No state can declare anything but gold and silver legal tender. The constitution does not say that congress shall have power to coin silver and gold but it shall have power to coin money.

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Dated Albany, Or., Dec. 8th, 1893.
B. H. IRVING,
Assignee.

Assignee's Notice.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, that on the 4th day of November, 1893, Anthony Preyst and F. C. Butler duly made an assignment to me of all their property for the benefit of all their creditors, in accordance with the general assignment laws of the state of Oregon; therefore all persons having claims against the co-partnership firm of said Preyst and Butler are hereby notified and required to present the same to me under oath at the office of W. B. Bilyen in the City of Albany, Oregon, within three months from the date hereof.

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