

# Daily Democrat.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our regular Correspondent.  
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President Cleveland, who has a fine sense of humor, will doubtless smile when he returns from his hunting trip and gets a glimpse of a bill that has been evolved from the brain of Mr. Bailey, the brilliant young Texan, whose devotion to the Constitution has earned him fame in the house. A preamble to the bill recites the charges that have been made of the encroachment of the executive upon the prerogatives of the legislative branch of the government, and the bill provides for a cessation of such encroachment by relieving senators and representatives from all participation in the making of appointments. It provides further that whenever the President desires information not contained in the papers of applicants for office he must get it from some one who is not a member of either branch of congress. While Mr. Bailey's bill has some desirable points, the country, to say nothing of congress, is hardly educated up to such a high standard yet. Congress would, to be sure, be purer and more patriotic if its members had no dealings with patronage, but until there is a decided change in human nature congress is not likely to deprive its members of the privilege of trying, if they do not always succeed, to get offices for those who help them to get into congress.

Although it took more than two weeks to get a voting quorum on the floor of the house to pass Mr. Bland's bill for the colnage of the seigniorage the quorum did not stay two days. True, there is no especial need of a quorum to consider the pension appropriation bill, which is now before the house, but that is no good reason why so many members should be absent. They are sent here and paid to attend the sessions of the house and they should either do it or resign and allow some one else to do it. No business transacted by congress is of more importance than the making of appropriations, and that for pensions is the largest of them all.

The expressions of pleasure from men of all shades of politics at the news of the convalescence of Chairman Wilson speak volumes for the esteem in which that gentleman is held by all who know him. He never forgets that he is a democrat of democrats, nor does he ever forget the courtesy due from one gentleman to another, not even in the midst of the hottest political wrangle on the floor of the house; hence his deserved popularity.

Secretary Herbert's official statement of his having compelled the Carnegie Company, which has the contract to make the steel armor for our new war ships to pay \$110,484.94 to the government, on account of defects in armor furnished last year, was not news to those democrats who enjoy the confidence of the Secretary, but it was a new departure on the part of the Navy Department that would have very much surprised Mr. Carnegie and his associates, who have been so long accustomed to being able to "fix up" any charge that happened to be made against them in connection with their dealings with the government. In fact, they tried to "fix up" this matter by appealing from Secretary Herbert to the president, but the president stood by the secretary and the cash had to be plunked down. No amount of influence can get any crooked business approved by this administration, except it be done through the connivance of some of the hold over minor officials who are still occupying places that ought to be filled by democrats and who are in the pay, indirectly, if not directly, of some of the old contractors.

It is not expected that the senate will take up the bill for the colnage of the seigniorage until after the tariff bill has been passed.

Senator Voorhees says he did not overwork himself as much during the long silver fight at the extra session as he has done since the democratic caucus returned the Wilson tariff bill to the finance committee for revision, and the other democratic members of the committee have worked just as hard. The sentiment of the democratic senate is unanimous for harmony, but the trouble is that some of them have so far refused to harmonize unless given their way about several schedules of the bill. If there is a way to revise the bill so that it will get every democratic vote in the senate the committee is determined not to abandon its search until it has been found. Members of the committee now decline to name a time for the reporting of the bill, contenting themselves with saying that not an hour shall be unnecessarily lost. No one can possibly be more anxious for speedy action on the bill than are the members of the committee, and it is only fair to say that the bill would have been reported two weeks ago had it not been for opposition outside the committee.

Senator Allison regards the appointment by Germany of a commission to investigate the silver question as an incident of great significance, particularly to cause the commission, with the exception of one or two at the most, is composed of bimetalists. The evolution of the commission the senator says, is due to the rapid decline in silver. He looks to see the example of Germany followed by other governments of Europe. "This action of Germany," the senator said today, "ought to give the greatest encouragement to the friends of silver in the United States, who believe in a solution of the problem by international agreement."

## THE FIRST GUN.

The political caldron is beginning to bubble. D. P. Thompson's gubernatorial boom has taken definite shape and this will start the other fellows to hustling. Judging from the tone of the interviews published in this morning's Oregonian, the republican managers here in Portland have decided to give Mr. Thompson the right of way on the gubernatorial nomination. Even his old-time antagonist, Mr. Simon, falls into line and expresses his willingness to support Mr. Thompson. Since Governor Penneyer is ineligible to reelection, and this is a republican year on general principles, the time seems to be auspicious for Mr. Thompson to realize the ambition of his life, to be governor of Oregon. While he is talking in the magnetic quality, which is supposed to be indispensable to a successful candidate, he has good business qualifications and possesses what is known as the executive genius; and even his enemies admit that he would make a rattling good governor. One strong point in his favor at this time is that he is an ardent free-coinage man, and in this particular at least is in touch with the voters of Oregon. Still he is not nominated, and if he gets the nomination it is not exactly equivalent to an election. Yet the republicans might go further and fare worse than to nominate Mr. Thompson, and it is certain that his nomination would put the opposition on their mettle to put up their best men against him.—Telegram.

The annual distribution of seeds by the department of agriculture in response to personal applications has been discontinued for the present season. Hereafter the distribution will be made at the discretion of congressmen. Secretary Morton does not believe in the wholesale distribution of seeds, and has submitted as estimate asking for an appropriation of only \$35,000, against \$135,000 appropriated for the current year. The amount asked is for the purchase, propagation and distribution of rare and imported seeds, bulbs, etc., for experimental purposes only, the distribution to be made by the secretary at his discretion.

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