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## FROM WASHINGTON.

An Interesting Budget of News from the National Capital.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]  
 WASHINGTON, D.C., Mar. 21, 1890.

The Senate investigating committee has turned its attention to the Senators and is now engaged in making them swear that they never, no never gave to any newspaper man or anyone else information as to what was occurring or has occurred during senatorial secret sessions. Up to the present time the committee has been just as successful in extracting information from Senators as they were from the correspondents. The newspaper men refuse to tell who the Senators are that have favored them with news, and the Senators say they never gave out news anyhow. This leaves the committee in the same position it was in before it had a title to existence. Senators not on the committee and even some of those on it are already weary of the investigation, and it is evident that there can be no practical result from it save perhaps, a good deal of bitter feeling which has been engendered.

The proposition on the part of Senator Ingalls which looks to a conference between the Senators and the press gallery may become something definite within a few days. Those Senators who favor such a move are willing to let bygones be bygones if the correspondents will only agree not to interfere with the Senate when it is considering treaties. Secrecy on other matters is not to be little is printed about these minor domestic affairs nothing will be said by the Senate, but an effort will be made to have preserved intact all treaties until they are properly and officially promulgated.

The uncertainty surrounding the disposition of the questions raised by the recent consideration of executive session matters makes it impossible to forecast with any degree of accuracy the work of the Senate this week. So much of the time of the Senate was taken up with that discussion that the Blair educational bill was not disposed of, and it still heads the calendar as unfinished business. A very general feeling exists in closing the debate this week and of taking a vote on the bill if possible. But that may not be secured until a week from to-day. The work of the House this week will probably be devoted principally to adding new stars to the national flag. The Oklahoma bill will be taken up and passed upon finally as far as the House is concerned. Then, according to notice already given, the Territories Committee will present for the consideration of the House the bill to admit Wyoming as a state of the Union, and this will be followed by the Idaho bill, if any time remains.

The pages of the Senate and House are a sort of understudy to the statesmen. Each has some Senator or member whom he admires and imitates, and it is not beyond the range of his ambition that he may some day occupy a seat in Congress himself. They have a sort of fellow-feeling for Senator Gorman and other statesmen who have risen from a seat on the steps by the Vice-President's desk to a chair in the legislative body. All the pages are statesmen in their way and are up in politics. Their fate is dependent upon the welfare of their members, and they rise and fall with their party. In a republican Senate the boys are all republicans, and in the House they come and go as the majorities shift. The Senate pages have a more secure tenure and hold

themselves to be of a little more importance than the boys who wait on the Representatives. But the latter profess contempt for a class of young individuals who don't take the chances of politics at every election, and pride themselves upon their own close alliance to their party's vicissitudes. They look upon the knee-breeched attaches of the Senate as old fogies without knowledge of political wire pulling. They are themselves an fait on all matters political.

As the session of Congress advances it becomes apparent that no large reduction will be made in either customs duties or in internal revenue. The reason is the small possible surplus after the appropriations for the session have all been made and the certainty that the necessary expenditures will almost if not quite reach the income of the government. The difficulties in the path of the ways and means committee have been due to this peculiar condition of affairs. But there are doubtless local reasons operating east and west in favor of such reduction of the tariff as will both increase the revenue and satisfy the existing state of manufactures.

The sub-committee on the world's fair made encouraging progress towards the completion of their bill at their meeting last week. The Chicago visiting delegation were present and the sub-committee turned the bill over to them with instructions to go over it carefully line by line, and suggest such changes as in their opinion were necessary to make the measure meet the needs of Chicago. When the committee met a number of telegrams were received from prominent Chicago people assuring the committee of the financial standing of the persons who have signed the subscription lists. The signers represent about \$40,000,000 worth of property.

## FROM FRIDAY'S EXTRA.

All Charges Fully Answered.

Mr. Mills was told by me, that Harris was \$800 short in his account, the assertion was only too true, and Mills knew it was true. Why does he seek the friendship and political support of such a man? I told Mr. Mills I had a key which fitted the door to Harris' office. Mr. Harris knew I had such a key, knows it now; he borrowed the key last week to unlock his door. I did ask Mr. Mills not to repeat the information which I gave him as the County Court would find out the facts when they settled with the Sheriff.

I do not wish to enter into a discussion as to the truth and veracity of any man, more especially an old man, and one for whom I had a great deal of respect until I found he had forfeited all right to respect by the manner in which he in an unfair and unjust manner attempted to destroy the good name and reputation of good citizens of this county, of men who have lived here for years before Mills came here. As I have stated many a time I do not want office bad enough to try to make unjust or malicious charges against any of my opponents. I firmly refused to have affidavits made and published against any of my opponents. The charges made in the watchtower are of course intended to influence votes on the day of primaries. I, of course want votes on that day, but not bad enough to place myself or friends in such a position that they can not consistently support the republican ticket when nominated. As Mr. Mills is so anxious to enter the political arena and to make his announcement by a standing affidavit. I will say for the benefit and information of my friends that he did not only solicit the interview

but he did promise me that he would not repeat it. As he failed to keep his word, he is therefore not entitled to support by the republicans of this county. As to my connection with the report of the Maxwell road, I did the writing for the report by request of Messrs. Maxwell, Scherzinger and Alderman. If this report was not correct why did the Argus eyed Doctor sign it? I did the writing for them all four of their approval, the County Judge approved it, the Secretary of State approved, and the workmen have received their pay. If there is any difference between the names any figures in the copy which I furnished the Treasurer and the original, I have not heard of it and for the watchtower to say so does not make me or anyone else believe it. I have it from the commissioners that when they organized under the Maxwell appropriation, Mills was elected Secretary, and he promised to keep a true and strict account of all the business transactions. Why did Dr. Mills not do his duty as Secretary and make out the report, if he was the watch-dog of the Treasury. Mr. Mills presented no report to the County Court that I know of, except his bill for services rendered. The watchtower seems to take a special interest in my Democratic friends. I am very proud to know that I have good true friends in all parties, as I think it proves that they are my friends, not politically but because they are satisfied with my work as a county officer. Naturally enough my enemies will try to alienate my friends by unfair, unjust malicious mis-statements. No one has canvassed the county for me. I do not know how many delegates will support me in the convention, but I shall willingly abide by the decision of said convention.

R. R. HAYS.

## Drowning Men Grab at Straws.

There are various dastardly methods resorted to by politicians to secure the result they desire, but the most cowardly of all, is to spring a lot of lies on the eve of election. The watchtower sent its county mail out by the mail that left early this morning, one day ahead of regular time. Its regular issue was printed and ready for distribution, but for fear of the consequences of an answer to their libelous charges they withheld an issue for Tillamook. A few men from other parts of the county however obtained copies when the citizens of this place were refused their papers. The object is to put the papers in the office to-night, or early in the morning, in order to prevent any answer or investigation of the charges they make, so they could use the charges in the primaries here to-morrow.

We wish to say right here that any man who is not willing for his statements to stand the test of investigation and springs his charges at the last is not worthy of belief under any circumstances.

Mr. Frank Harris, do you know that you are indebted to R. R. Hays for favors more than to any other one man? Don't you know the county tax rolls have been left by you in the Clerk's office repeatedly? Don't you know that you have left books belonging to the Clerk's office and while you were away neglecting your business, it was necessary to secure said books? Do you know that the county books are subject to examination by any citizen of this county? Don't you know it is a good thing for this county that somebody did examine your books? Don't you know that anybody could have examined the books while they were in the Clerk's office? Don't you know the charges in regard to this particular instance amount to nothing if considered in a fair manner? Mr. Harris do you know who used the Sheriff's office for a poker room? Who held the keys in this instance?