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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, March 9, 1891.

Mr. Harrison has never been credited with having an over supply of backbone, but he has just given indisputable evidence that he can be stubborn when he desires to be. Some time before Congress adjourned he nominated James H. Beatty to be United States District Judge for Idaho, but owing to the active opposition of the two Idaho Senators and other republicans the Senate adjourned without acting on the nomination. Now Mr. Harrison has appointed Mr. Beatty to be judge, and he will sit on the bench until the Senate meets again, even if his nomination should then be rejected. Another exhibition of the obstinacy of Mr. Harrison was his going off to-day on a week's hunting trip instead of settling the question of who shall be the nine judges of the United States Circuit court, provided for under the new law, which he was urged to do by many members of his party, who do not wish to leave until this matter is settled. It is thought that it was to get away from this hunting trip, but it will do him no good, for these fellows will never leave here until these prizes are distributed.

Believing that it would be but justice to have the democratic party represented in these appointments, a number of prominent democrats have decided to present the name of Representative Culberson, of Texas, to Mr. Harrison. Mr. Culberson is recognized as one of the ablest lawyers in Congress, but his friends say that he would resign if appointed to the bench, as the judicial duties would be more congenial. It is not probable, however, that Mr. Harrison will give the democrats even one of the nine new judges.

Representative Sayer, of Texas, who has to a large extent taken the important place so long and so ably filled by the late Representative Samuel J. Randall in the House committee on Appropriations, has made a statement showing the amount appropriated by the Fifty First Congress to be in excess of one billion and six million dollars. Stop a moment and think of that immense amount of money. He also suggested a practical way to reform the expenditures of the government that is worthy of careful consideration by the new democratic House. He thinks there should be one committee of not less than fifteen members upon the expenditures of the Government instead of a separate committee for each department as it is now.

Mr. Sayers says in advocacy of this change: "It is a fact which cannot be disputed that no single one of the several committees upon the expenditures in the departments has within the last three Congresses ever investigated the expenditure of any department and reported the result of their investigation to the House. In truth, these committees have rarely ever held even a single sitting during any Congress, and the consequence has been that nothing has resulted to the House from their organization. If a general committee of fifteen were organized, possessing the same dignity and enjoying the same powers and privileges as the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on Appropriations, it cannot be doubted that such a committee would be able to furnish the House with such information and advice as would lead to a very great reduction of expenditures and a thorough reform in the administration of the public service. What do the House and the country know of the expenditures under the several laws making indefinite appropriations? The expenditures and methods of administration under these permanent appropriation acts are practically unknown to Congress. What do Congress and the country know about the internal administration of the Pension Office, the Patent Office, and Bureau of Internal Revenue and the several bureaus of the War and Navy departments?"

Mr. Sayers has another good idea too, that should not be overlooked. He thinks the House should elect a permanent chairman of the committee of the whole and the committee of the whole on the state of the Union. In speaking of this he said: "It has been a noticeable fact that these chairmen have been appointed by the Speaker, from time to time, at the instance of the gentlemen whose bills were to be considered, and very often it has been

the case that the rulings of such chairmen have not only been at variance, but have led to the suspicion that there was an undue leaning towards the opinion expressed by the gentlemen in charge of the particular bill under consideration when a question of order has been raised. This would be obliterated by electing one man to the position, making him independent of the Speaker." Mr. Sayers thinks these two changes would result in reducing the expenditures at least 30 per cent.

Secretary Proctor, who has spent less time in Washington than any member of the Cabinet, has gone on a Southern jaunt that will last a month.

The surprise of Rip Van Winkle when awaking from his long slumber could not have been greater than the consumptive's, upon finding himself entirely relieved by Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. 25 cts.

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THE LEGISLATURE.

Special Correspondence to the COLUMBIAN.

HARRISBURG, March 11, 1891.

The Legislature is dragging its slow length along, and as usual with the dominant party important measures for the weal of the people are receiving only a half-hearted support, if any at all. What is really for the benefit of the masses isn't getting much comfort or recognition from the Republican majority in the Senate and House. I need only refer to the treatment of the bill of Mr. Burdick, and also that of the Anti-Discrimination measure, which although not yet acted upon is sure of defeat. The Republican party is ruled by bosses and corporations, and when an honest member of that party tries to get through a measure inimical to the interests of the bosses and corporations he is sat down upon without any mercy.

MINING COMMISSIONS.

The Governor has sent to the senate the names of the following persons to compose the Commission to revise, amend and make such changes in the anthracite and ventilation laws as are deemed necessary: Martin McCormick, Lackawanna, at large; John C. Kearney, Lackawanna, first assistant; Michael J. Gibbon, Luzerne, second assistant; Edward Williams, Luzerne, third district; Anthony Reilly, Luzerne, fourth district; William B. Bomboy, Schuylkill, fifth district; Patrick F. Brennan, Schuylkill, sixth district; Patrick Devers, Schuylkill, seventh district. To represent the coal operators: Lewis A. Reilly, Philadelphia; Thomas M. Righter, Northumberland; William Connel, Lackawanna. The mining engineers: John R. Hoffman, Schuylkill; John F. Snyder, Lackawanna. Mine inspectors: Samuel Gay, Schuylkill; Hugh McDonald, Luzerne. Also, the following commission to revise the bituminous coal laws: Andrew Hunt, Allegheny, first district; Edward Bell, Westmoreland, second district; Robert Snedden, Mercer, third district, and John Kirke, Fayette; James W. Kilduff, Cambria; William Barker, Allegheny, and John Band, Centre.

These nominations have not yet been confirmed.

A PARTY ENDORSEMENT.

In the House on Monday night Mr. Seyfort, Republican, of Lancaster, offered a resolution endorsing the course of Speaker or "Czar" Reed in the 51st Congress. This gave rise to a somewhat lengthy debate, in which the Democrats were not caught napping. Capt. Skinner, Democrat, of Fulton, moved to add an endorsement of Senator Cameron for voting for the free coinage of silver and the freedom of debate, which Speaker Thompson decided was not germane to the question. Then Mr. Gillam, Democrat, of Franklin, offered a substitute that "this House do most earnestly condemn the action of Speaker Reed as being arbitrary and revolutionary." This was rejected by a vote of 55 yeas to 86 nays. Then Mr. Ritter, Democrat, of Lycoming, moved an amendment that "the Republican members of this House heartily endorse," etc. To which Mr. Brooks, Republican, of Philadelphia, raised the point of order that the Republican members could not, as a distinctive portion of the House, resolve anything. An ugly slap at Speaker Reed, of course not intended, but the speaker decided the point well taken, and declared Mr. Ritter's amendment out of order. Then Mr. McNeelis, Democrat, of Cambria, offered as an addition that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the next Congress, which was voted

down, and the original resolution passed by a vote of 85 yeas to 53 nays. It was a bitter pill for the Republicans to swallow, but they had to do so, and the commendation of "Czar" Reed by this body doesn't possess many grains of comfort. The fact is the Republican members of the present Legislature in everything they do are only obeying the behests of their masters, and are eagerly looking for the official crumbs which are yet to be dispensed from the White House table at Washington.

A BREEZY DEBATE.

Mr. Ritter, Republican, of Philadelphia, yesterday offered a resolution that the Congress of the United States having passed the direct tax bill by which Pennsylvania will receive a large sum of money, the Legislature accepts the sum in full satisfaction of all claims against the United States on account of the direct tax levied by the Act of Congress of August 5, 1861, and authorizing the Governor to receive the money. The resolution was opposed by Messrs. Skinner, Gillan and Wherry, all democrats, who endeavored to postpone action. Mr. Wherry offered an amendment permitting the Governor's duly authorized agent, B. M. Nead, Esq., to collect the money, but this was defeated. Then Mr. Ellwood, Democrat, of Westmoreland, moved to refer the resolution to the Judiciary General Committee, which occasioned some sharp remarks. Mr. Gillan asked that the matter be delayed in order to ascertain just how the border counties would be affected by the passage of the resolution. Mr. Baker, Republican, of Delaware, made opposition, and the Ellwood motion was defeated. Then Mr. Gillan moved that the resolution be sent to the Committee on Federal Relations, which caused Mr. Finley, Republican, of Washington, to move the previous question (a slight imitation of Reed's gag law,) and finally the resolution was defeated by a strict party vote. The people of the border counties will understand from this time forth who are their friends in this hedge-bound Legislature.

COMMITTED TO BALLOT REFORM.

The Democratic members of the Senate and House held a caucus last night, and resolved to vote for the calling of a Constitutional Convention as the proper way to secure ballot reform, and also to support the bill of Mr. Wherry as the most efficacious means toward so a desirable a measure. Make no mistake, the Democrats of the present Legislature are alive and ready to do anything for the best interests of the people of Pennsylvania.

Drew the largest audience Every seat filled and all standing room taken.

The concert by the Park Sisters drew a larger audience than any other entertainment ever held in our hall. Every available seat was filled and all standing room was occupied and many were obliged to go away. The concert was very fine and called forth hearty applause. No one part of the programme deserves special mention over the rest, as all was finely executed.—*General Secretary, Salem Y. M. C. Association.*

Save Money and Suffering.

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Senator Meek of Bellefonte has introduced the following bill in the state senate:

A supplement to an Act entitled an Act to restrain and regulate the sale of vinous and spirituous, malt or brewed liquors or any admixtures thereof, approved the 13th day of May, A. D., 1887, Providing for the granting of retail licenses upon a basis of population.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted, &c., That from and after the passage of this act, the several Courts of Quarter Sessions of the Peace throughout the Commonwealth, in the granting of Licenses for the sale of vinous, spirituous, malt or brewed liquors at retail or in quantities not exceeding one quart, shall not grant in cities of the first, second and third classes more than one such license for every six hundred inhabitants thereof; in the several boroughs not more than two licenses in each borough having five hundred inhabitants or less, but additional licenses may be granted at the discretion of the court, for each additional five hundred inhabitants or fractional part thereof in such boroughs.

SECTION 2. That the population of such cities and boroughs, for the purpose of this act, shall be ascertained, and determined, by the returns of the last official census, published under and by the authority of the government of the United States of America.

SECTION 3. That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held on Tuesday afternoon March 17 at three o'clock.

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