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OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

Hawaii, the tariff bill, and the condition of the Treasury are the three stars which almost eclipse everything else on the political and legislative horizon at the Capitol this week. Of the first of these it may well be said that the waning is near.

The dark incident of the Hawaiian affair is substantially closed. It is only necessary to examine the documents, reports, etc., which make up the history of that lamentable episode in order to realize that the public sentiment of the country will not tolerate a reopening of it. This is a case where the lifting of the curtain involves its immediate and permanent fall. We have at last had a clear and comprehensive glance. The country will want no more. Fortunately, no real harm has been done. The men who had in charge the civilization and liberties of Hawaii, though beset by secret machinations, approached by the smiler with the knife beneath his cloak, and beleaguered by every enemy that could assail the cradle of a new-born republic, held their ground with nerves that knew no fear. They have triumphed.

The spectacle which we discover in the reports of Mr. Willis will not be lost upon the country. The revelation of a savage and revengeful queen-rediculous in everything except her bloodthirsty rancor-planning the destruction of the leaders and revealing in the foretaste of the shambles is enough to make the American people sick at heart. Unconsciously she vindicated the revolution which dethroned her and put to shame the policy of restoration when she declared her barbarous aspiration. The only path her fancy trod led to the ghastly portals of a hecatomb. It is well the black shadow has passed. Safely can it be predicted that never again will any administration of this free government address itself to the task of rehabilitating that savage and murderous regime.

Debate preliminary to action marks the proceedings of the House of Representatives this week. Tariff wisdom pro and con is being dealt out in alopathic doses. The general debate on the bill, ended with a remarkable demonstration last Saturday night, when the hall was thrown open to the public, and in the presence of more people, probably, than ever gathered within its walls before Representative Bryan delivered his speech of nearly three hours advocating the Wilson bill as an approach to free trade. It had been a gala day in the House, and during the after-

noon while Mr. Cockran, in one of the most masterly speeches ever heard in Congress, held forth in defence of the principles and provisions of the Wilson bill, every inch of room in the chamber was filled with attentive listeners. Mr. Cockran's was no magnificent set speech, whose delivery betrayed the midnight oil, pregnant with facts and figures, but the passionate advocacy of a master orator to whom tropes, and similes as well as repartee and all the arts of the orator, are the inheritance of genius. The speech resembled the unfettered rush of a prairie fire in its rapidity, sweeping everything before it, and casting showers of sparks snapping through the surrounding atmosphere. As Bourke Cockran sat down persons in the gallery shouted, "Vote!" "Vote!" The chairman rapped ferociously, but there was no controlling the storm of approval.

The "condition of the treasury" has become a shuttlecock which is being bandied between the factions in Congress. But the question is too serious to permit of play. Senator Sherman has been called in consultation with Secretary Carlisle and they have had a long conference as to the best method of protecting the cash balance of the treasury from further serious inroads. From well informed sources, it is ascertained that there is a strong probability that if Congress fails to come to his relief within the next fifteen days Secretary Carlisle may deem it necessary to issue \$30,000,000 of bonds under the redemption act for the purpose of maintaining the gold reserve intact. The proposed plan of the Secretary, it is said, is the result of careful consideration and meets with the approval of Mr. Cleveland. The small amount of the proposed issue, it is understood, has been determined upon simply to tide the Treasury over its needs until Congress can take up the whole financial question and dispose of it. The most curious feature of all, however, pertaining to the situation, is that Congress is so slow to act for the relief of the Treasury, or that there should be any differences as to the necessity of taking some action promptly.

The Federal Elections repeal bill is the principal topic in the Senate this week, and it is understood the measure will be kept before the Senate until passed or defeated. It is the hope of the Republican Senators that their speeches will oblige the Democrats to reply at length, and the present expectation is that the debate will consume at least two weeks.

The Presidency is Tom Reed's sweetheart, but Joe Mauley is hardily his Joe.

THAT CHRISTIAN'S LIGHT SHINES BECAUSE.

He gets to church at least five minutes before service begins.

He walks quietly to a seat, and bows his head a moment in silent prayer.

He joins heartily in all the songs, and if he can not sing, opens the book and follows the words.

He kneels reverently during the prayer, and asks God's blessing upon preacher and people.

He listens attentively to the sermon, and gathers fresh strength from the preached word.

He gives the stranger near him a warm grasp of the hand, and invites him to come again.

He speaks a word of encouragement to a struggling brother, and lends a helping hand.

He has a kindly greeting for all his brethren, wherever and whenever he meets them.

He sees, and always speaks cheerfully to the old brother and sister whose days of active service have vanished with the past.

He honors God daily in his business, and in his home, he exalts his dear Savior.

He does nothing between Sundays that he would be ashamed for his brethren to know.

He acts honestly in all things with all men at all times.

He keeps his light so shining before men that they see his good works and glorify his Father which is in heaven.—Epworth Messenger.

A DISGUSTED DRUNKARD

One woman determined that her husband should know how he looked when he was drunk. She knew how he looked well enough, and needed not that any man should tell her. Her children also knew by sad experience, but the man himself had a very imperfect idea of the state of the case. So once when he came home and fell into a maudlin slumber, she sent for the photographer to come forthwith; and on his arrival she set him to work. She ordered the photographer to photograph her husband as he sat in his chair. The photographer did his work and did it well, and when the photograph was finished and laid beside the husband's plate at breakfast it was a revelation and the sobered gentleman experienced a decidedly new sensation. There was no need of explanation; the thing explained itself. There was no chance for contradiction; the sun tells no lies. There was no room for argument. There was only one thing to do, and that was to quit; and it is very fortunate that the man had courage and sense enough to do it.—Age.

He—But don't you think you could learn to love me? Boston Girl—It might serve, like Greek and Latin at the colleges, not for use, but at a mental exercise. I'll think of it.—Boston Transcript.

A few days ago a tramp at Pacific Mo., spied a railroad tricycle, belonging to a telegraph lineman, standing near the track. He stepped around under cover of the station-house, seized the machine, put it on the track and mounting it sped away down the line at full speed. He had gone but a few miles when suddenly the fast express tore around a sharp curve and bore down upon him. Before he could even slacken speed the train struck him, and there was one less tramp in the country and a tricycle gone.

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