WASHINGTON LETTER.

FIFTY FOURTH CONGRESS OPENS FINAL SESSION.

Bisturbed. Peffer Tartff. Abolish Free Coinnge of Gold. Vacant Seats.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 7th. The Congressional mill resumed opera tions at noon today, but if the other millwhich have lately started their machiner; do not do more to bring about good times than this session of Congress is likely from any present indications to do, we shall not have good times for sometime to come. President Cleveland's message is interesting enough in its way, and if he had a party behind him able to contro legislation, some of his recommendation might have attracted wide attention, but as he is virtually playing a lone hand very little interest is expressed in the message with its seventeen thousand words. One Senator jocularly remarked of it: "Cleveland didn't write that mes sage for the Fifty-fourth Congress, but for posterity and history; perhaps they will give his ideas the attention that Congress denies them, but I have my doubts.'
If the tendency to increase the length o the President's messages to Congress i kept up, it will soon be in order to de away with having them read in the Senate and House. Many think it already is order, The Senators and Representatives all have printed copies of the message placed in their hands before the reading is begun, so that the reading is nothing than a perfunctory formality a

Speaker Reed may be worrying be ause he isn't in Maj. McKinley's place. but if he is he is hiding it well, for he never appeared to be in a better humon with himself and everybody else than he did today when he called the House to order. And it is not so certain after all that his prospects are not more en viable than those of the President-elect He will be Speaker of the next House. and it will not affect his political future should the announced period of prosperity fail to materialize, while Mr. McKinley's political future depends upothe ability of his administration to mak good the glowing promises of the cam-

Senator Gallinger is one of the Repullicans who would gladly omit the proposed extra session of Congress, if he could do so, but he made it very plain that he regards the extra session as cer tain when he said: "If I had my way, would have the Dingley bill promptly passed, and then whether vetoed or not would trust to circumstances to determine the necessity or propriety of an extra session of Congress. The indications, however, do not warrant the belief that a serious effort will be made to pass the Dingley bill, and if that is to be the program, then I favor an early extra session for a complete and thorough revision of the tariff laws," Senstor Gallinger doesn't look for any currency legislation either by this or the next Congress. To put it in his own language: "It must be evident to every sane man that nothing can be done by this Congress in the direction of curren cy legislation, and I have small expec ion that the next Congress will do

Senator Peffer was red hot over th charge that he had made a tariff bar gain to help his chances for re-election and denounced it as untrue. He says his tariff views are well known in Kansas; that he favors high duties upon al. articles used exclusively by the wealthy, not for protection but for revenue, and the free admission of such articles as sugar, salt, lumber, coal and other necsities of the people, and a graduated come and land tax. He also added that he favored the proposal to add \$1 a barrel to the tax on beer, which he thought would produce revenue enough to make up the deficit and would be felt

entative Baker, of N. H., now erving his second term but who was out re-elected, thinks the free coinage of old by the government ought to be embodying his ideas on that subject. He said: "I want to see gold purchased on government account. I do not think it right to convert it into coin free of ge. There is truth in the asserion that this discriminates in its favor s against silver. I would have both rold and silver purchased just as the overnment buys copper and nickel for is minor coins,"

se than in the Senate at the opening n of Congress, but the most coneing Teller, of Colo., who is kept n being Teller, of Colo., who is kept y by business, and Allison, of lows, acute my is really ill and others he is merely detained at home by a cold. Their absence was especially comble not only because they are ling then on opposing sides of the fi-cial question, but because they are ally among the promptest and most aller attendants upon the "essions of

Highest of all in Leavening Strength.-Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Synopsis of its Contents as Given to Congress,

Washington, D. C., December 7.-The President in his message, defends the present tariff law, but says our financia

system is badly in need of reform. He alludes to the dangers to which the country is liable from the existence of rusts and monopolies, but says it is doubt-'ul if these evils can be treated by Feder d action, and concludes by appealing to Congress for a most rigid economy in its xpenditures.

He says no American citizens were killed or wounded in Armenia, our country leaving nothing undone for their protec-

The insurrection still continues in Jaba, Spain holding Havana and the principal sca-ports, while the insurgent coam at will over two thirds of the Isand. He directs the attention of Congress to the Cuban question, saying the toe shuns general engagements, and the conflict may be indefinitely prolonged entailing immense destruction upon property, and that the United States inerests in the situation are second only to Spain's.

He thinks the proposition of many in the United States, namely, to buy the island, worthy of consideration. The sharacter of the United States forbide in intervention which may involve a war with Spain, yet the United State nust recognize the grievances of the Subans. He thinks that a guarantee of autonomy by Spain, if a satisfactory neasure of home rule is tendered the Subans would be accepted by the latter and the United States would find a suit ble way to have Spain's guarantee for ceeping same. Somthing should be lone to protect our interests and Spair nust act in the matter.

The Treasury reports show a deficit of \$25,203,243.

The diminution in the pension expentitures so confidently foretold still fail o materialize.

Tariff reform has opened the way to a reer and greater exchange of commolities between the United States and other countries, and has thus furnished wider market for our products and nanufactures. During its first year in orts have increased six and one hal nillions, exports increased seventy

W. W. Vass, Dead.

RALEIGH, N. C., December 7 .- W. W. Vass the oldest railway treasurer in the United States, died at his home here

For over fifty years he had been connected with the Raleigh and Gaston Railway.

Makes Good Showing.

RALEIGH, N. C. December 7.-Reports of Steward Crawford, of the Insan-Asylum, which will be made to the inance committee, tomorrow, will show that out of the annual appropriation for his year, he has saved them a thousand follars.

Washington News Items

Washington, D. C., December 7 .- As the U. S. Senate was about to adjourn Senator Call Introduced a resolution to recognize Cuba, but withdrew it until to.

A statement from Secretary Olney was presented to Congress, reviewing the sitnation in Cuba, and he thought that the business interests of the country would soon demand some action on the part of the United States in order to protect her shipping and commerce interests.

Estimates of expenditures for the fiscal year, ending June 30th, 1897, foot up \$421,700,000, against \$418,091,000 last

Venezuela has accepted the arbitration agreed upon by Secretary Olney and Sir Julian Paunceforte,

THE COTTON MARKETS.

I'm cotton market opened in New York at 7:40 for January and immediately began to decline and touched 7.30 pos albly lower. The market has been very weak all day. The close was easy 7.84 for January.

TRUE are no new features to report. his market for the present will be con-trolled more by receipts than anything

few Banns market has been firm at 64 to

Yours truly, J. E. LATEAM.

THE MARKETS.

CHICAGO, December 7.

RALEIGH, N. C., December 7-The an nual report of State Auditor, Furman, will show a decrease of ten million dollars in the total assessed valuation of real and personal property in North Carolina.

Russell Not a Candidate.

RALEIGH, N. C., December 7 - Governor elect Russell positively denies that he is candidate for the U. S. Schate, and says he is warmly for Pritchard and believes the latter will be re-elected.

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*This Voucher is issued to Treasure for weekly street orders paid for the nonth of November. R. S. PRIMROSE, Treas. Subscribed and Sworn to before me

this 5th day December, 1896, W. T. McCAPPRY, N. P.

Public, Take Notice! One Berry Thompson, about 35 years

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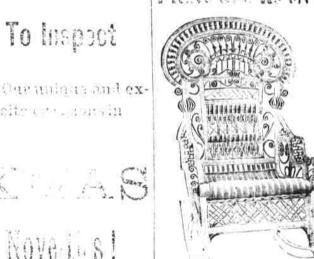
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