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Our Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4, 1887.

The week's doings in congress have been varied and interesting. There have been important debates on the subject of coast defences, ships, fortifications and guns that cannot be made in a day—congressional funeral abuses have been attacked and defended—dry appropriation bills are always on the calendars of both branches of congress—and all important question of "what to do with the treasury surplus," has not been neglected.

There was a talk in the senate a few days ago during which democratic pretences of economy were exposed, and the alleged extravagance of the senate disproved. The house loudly lauds itself these days for economy. The subject of the coast survey was up, and the house was accused of an attempt to break up this work by crippling it with an insufficient appropriation.

Senator Hawley, of Conn., expressed great disappointment that the superintendent of the coast survey, for the first time in its history, was not a gentleman of high scientific attainments; in fact, was not a scientist at all. It was a most extraordinary departure from the uniform practice, and was a great administrative mistake. The office, with a \$6,000 salary, is filled at present by a \$1,600 treasury clerk.

The bill to prevent the appointment of congressional funerals at public expense, has been up in the house. Representative Hammond, of Georgia, thought it best to leave the old custom undisturbed. He did not believe the newspaper talk about improper conduct by funeral committees. He had never attended one, but he knew gentlemen who had, gentlemen of high tone, and incapable of misconduct on such occasions.

Congressman Oates, of Alabama, criticized the practice severely, declaring that it was not a mark of respect or of sincere sorrow. But for his respect for the senate and house he could mention some cases of misconduct on the part of members of congress while accompanying the remains of a deceased colleague to its place of burial, which would shock the whole country.

It is useless to prophesy anything about the inter-state commerce bill, for before this can reach you, you will know whether the president has signed or vetoed it. Saturday evening is the limit of the time that he can legally act upon it. He has not yet taken up the so-called "dependent pension" bill, which provides for needy veterans and dependent parents of deceased soldiers. He is receiving, however, a great many protests against some of the principles involved in this measure.

People are wondering what has become of the Blair educational bill. It is now at the mercy of the house committee on rules, which is composed of three democrats and two republicans—Messrs Reed, Hiscock, Carlisle, Morrison, and Randall. These gentlemen have the right to report it, back to the house for action at any time or to strangle it. The republicans of the house are almost unanimously in favor of the bill, but the democrats are divided. It is unnecessary to say the people are watching both, for the measure has a strong hold upon them. Some have even predicted that it will be very difficult for a lawmaker who votes against the Blair bill ever to be elected president or re-elected to congress. Wm. Jones.

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