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Our Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11, 1887.

Although the days left to the present congress are steadily diminishing the week has been rather a quiet one in both legislative halls. Both have resounded with obituary oratory, however; new bills have been introduced of national and of local interest, and the senate has voted millions of money for defence.

The tariff agitation has ended for this session. After all the formal correspondence between Speaker Carlisle and Mr. Randall no agreement could be reached. The speaker refused to recognize any one to call up a bill to repeal the tax on tobacco, and as there was no other way to get the matter before the house, that ended it with this congress. Many still think the president will call an extra session of the fiftieth congress soon after the adjournment of this, in hope of compelling it to do something towards carrying out his wishes in regard to a reduction of the revenue.

The memorial services held in honor of the late Senator Logan were impressive, and forcibly suggestive of the occasion of the senator's funeral, which took place in the senate chamber a few weeks ago. Before the senate convened every seat had been taken except the places reserved for the diplomatic corps and the president and two benches in the reserved gallery, which had been placed at the disposal of the Logan family.

Precisely at noon Mrs. Logan, closely veiled, entered, leaning on the arm of her son, and the crowd was hushed to perfect silence. Appropriately for the occasion, General Logan's old seat remained vacant, and most of the senators were attired in black.

Senator Cullom paid the first tribute to the dead. He reviewed his life and services, his career as a public man, his principal speeches, and quoted some of his more memorable expressions defining his position on public questions.

Senator Morgan, of Alabama, followed with a bright eulogy in which he said he did not think of Logan as a force that had passed away, but as a living, moving energy, still useful in the great purposes of the divine economy.

Senator Edmunds spoke of his twenty years acquaintance with General Logan which had given him the greatest admiration for his character; Senator Manderson followed with a beautiful tribute to his military qualities, and Senator Hampton expressed the praise and honor of a former foe.

Senator Allison devoted himself to a review of Senator Logan's influence in national legislation. Senator Hawley discussed personal traits, and Senator Spooner was eloquently eulogistic. Senators Colquitt, Frye, Plumb, Everts, Sabin and Palmer also laid flowers of rhetoric on their late comrade's tomb. Mr. Palmer's eulogy was the last one.

President Cleveland is quoted as saying that nothing has given him so much concern since he came into office as the care necessary to the selection of the proper persons to be appointed upon the Inter-State commerce commission. He further said that the worry and trouble being incurred from the throng of applicants was making life a burden to him. If it be true that no member either of the senate or house will be given a place on the commission, several prominent candidates are ruled out. An Ohio representative is authority for the statement that the president has offered Col. Morrison his choice between the secretaryship of the treasury and the chairmanship of the commission. The gentleman referred to declares that he knows that the offer has been made.

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