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Our Washington Letter. (From Our Own Correspondent.)

Congress has accomplished very little during the week in the way of important national legislation. The people of Wash-ington are well satisfied with what has been progress was made with local affairs in which they are much interested. Washing-Congress, is dependent and compelled to look to Congress for everything Naturally

and is a chronic complainant of neglect:
It is thought that the President's veto of the Dependent Pension hill will be sustained, although the House passed the bill by more than a two-thirds majority, which would be sufficient to pass it over the veto. The President's veto message proved a powerful converter, and many members who sup-ported the bill on the understanding that it would not cost more than \$4,000,000, would now oppose it, since they are convinced that it would take about twenty times \$4,-

000.000 out of the Treasury.

Petitions for the passage of the Blair Edcational bill continue to pour into Congress. They come from all portions of the States and Territories. It is estimated that over 90.000 citizens, a large number of whom are voters, have thus petitioned over their own signature. Then the members of the great national associations collectively as societies and organizations have united in this request Among these are the W. C. T. U., the two great national Teachers' Associations, the Knights of Lahor, and many churches and missionary societies,

Now that all speculation in regard to Secretary Manning's plans and intentions have subsided with the publication of his letter of resignation and the President's reply, the gossips have turned to the task of appointing his successor. Beside Assistant Secretary Fairchild, the names of Minister Pendleton and ex Senator McDonald, both whom are now in the city, are mentioned or the place. It is stated that the new ofcer will be nominated before the adjournent of Congress, so that he may be confirmed although the President has requested

lst of April.

The members of Congress who have lone most of the legislation this winter are those who belong to the House committee on Appropriations. They are about the best workers in Congress. They sit around a long table covered with blue, and each particular member seems bent on stopping up the leaks in the Tressury Hon. Samuel Raudall, who is Chairman in fact as well as in name, sits at the bead of the head of the able, and in his rather domineering manner, does at least one-shalf of the talking. He is just a little impatient, intolerant, and imolite as regards the suggestions of his fellow comitteemen who differ from him, but he is liked by them nevertheless.

Next to the Chairman sits Gen Forney, of Alabama bugely built but silent Bes'de him may be seen the alleged "watch-dog of the Treasury." Judge Holman, of Indiana, who objects to every appropriation. however small. He talks as much as the chairman will allow, and enlivens the dull committee room with many little spats at

Then there is Mr. Townshend, of Ill. who attacks Mr Holman's meager allow-acces, and swathy Mr, Burns of Misouti, who talks wisely when he is induced to speak at al' Messrs. LeFevre, of Ohio, Adams, of New York, and Wilson, of W. Va., spend very little time in the committee oom, but Mr Cabell of Va. who is conomically minded, is always at his nost, nd takes a prominent part in the delibera -

The Republicans have five of their atrongest men on this committee. They are Messra. Butterworth, of Ohio, Cannon, of Illinois, Ryan, of Kansas, Long, of Mass., Henderson, of lows, and McComas, of Maryland. Mr. C. nnon is their leader. and is a good match for Mr. Randall on all questions of finance that arise. Gen. Henderson is called the one-legged soldier because he is the most liberal man on the ommittee as to any item that concerns

Mr. Long, besides being an excellent worker, is distinguished for his elegant manners. Mr. McComas is young and handsome as well as a man of weight, and has a bright future, aptarently. He is probably listened to with more attention han any young man in Congress Mr. Ryan talks little but works a great deal in committee and Ben Butterworth, as his friends lamiliarly call him, has less to say committee meetings than might be exnected of a member who shows to fine advantage on the floor of the House.

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