WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 28, 1893.—The House today passed the Wilson bill for the unconditional repeal of the purchasing clause of the Sherman silver law, but this was merely a preliminary skirmish to the great legislative battle that is to be fought in the Senate over silver. Some ugly talk is being indulged in by some of those who voted for repeal in the House, on the promise that further silver legislation should at once follow, because of the movement now under way to prevent the Senate undertaking any other financial legislation at the extra session, and if the movement succeeds there will be more of the talk. An examination of the entire debate in the House will show that a large majority of those who voted for repeal announced themselves as bimetallists, and many of them stated in their speeches that they would vote for repeal because they expected silver legislation to follow. A bill or a vehicle gold standard could not get forty votes in the House.

Although there is doubt, notwithstanding the positive prediction of such editors as Gorman, Hill, Merrill and Allison as to the outcome of the silver battle in the Senate, there is little or none as to the fate of the Wilson bill, which has just passed the House. It will be piped-hobbled by the Senate committee, to which it will be referred as soon as it goes to the Senate. The fight in the Senate will be over the Voorhees bill, which after providing for the repeal of the purchasing clause of the Sherman law declares it to be the policy of this government to maintain a bimetallic currency.

The administration is making every effort to secure votes for the Voorhees bill from the Southern senators who have been elected along those lines and for unconditional repeal, and this week President Cleveland is sending back to Washington to help. Numerous calls are issued but the only names published are those of Senators Gibson and Caffery of Florida, who are said to have agreed to follow the example of Senators Voorhees and Hill in making free coinage speeches and then voting for repeal. The work is, however, only half done when a majority of pronounced votes have been obtained for the Voorhees bill. The bill cannot be passed unless it be voted upon, and it cannot be voted upon until the renowned filibuster all of the senators has been obtained. Efforts are now being made to reach an agreement as to the length of time the bill shall be debated and to set a day for taking the vote, but some of the senators will have to undergo a great change of mind before anything definite comes of them. The senators from the silver states say it will be time enough to talk about setting a time to vote after the subject has been debated a reasonable time. It is understood that the administration senators made an unsuccessful attempt to make a deal with the Republican silver senators to secure the setting of a date to vote on the Voorhees bill, in return for their promise to let the tariff alone during this session of Congress.

The proposition for the repeal of the tax on state bank currency is practically dead for awhile, as a majority of the House committee on banking and currency, to which the bill providing for the repeal was referred, is opposed to the bill. The same committee also has before it the bill providing for the exchange of United States bonds for currency wherever their owners were willing to give up the interest for the use of the currency, and so many objections have been raised against it that its favorable report to the House is doubtful.

The new rules for the government of the House have been completed. While they are not so strict as those used by the last Republican House, they are much stricter than those used by the last House, and any extended filibustering will be very difficult, if not impossible.

Senator Lodge has introduced a bill that would, if it were a law, accomplish more practical reform in the civil service than all the laws now on the statute books have been able to do up to this time. It provides for taking the appointment of fourth-class postmasters entirely out of partisan politics, which would certainly be an improvement on the present method of appointing them. There is little probability, however, that the bill will ever become a law. It might get through the Senate, as the senators have but little personal interest in the matter, but it would stand no show in the House, for the average representative sees the fourth-class postmaster of his district to control the party machine, and to maintain his personal ascendancy.

The last day of the silver debate in the House was, by long odds, the most interesting, nearly every speaker being a man of national reputation. Among them were ex-Speaker Reed, Burke Cockran, Wilson, of West Virginia, "Private" John Allen, of Mississippi, and Bland, of Missouri, the silver leader of the House.

Train Held Up

Just before midnight on Sunday five robbers held up train 3, eastbound, on the Northern Pacific, a quarter of a mile west of Livingst n Montana. As a place called Gray C. if two men got on the tender and compelled the engineer to go around the point where a bright light was burning by the side of the track. Here the train was stopped and three more robbers appeared. The express messenger was ordered to open the safe, but he had only the combination of the outside door and could not get at the valuables. There was a good deal of money and some valuables which they did not get. Three of the robbers then went outside while the other two went in, passing down the aisles of the sleepers and coaches, collected each cash and jewelry as the passengers were brought out and getting up. All the time a rear brakeman was being held up and the passengers and trainmen were thoroughly frightened. When they had finished the robbers then disappeared. It is thought that at least part of them were drunk, as after an examination of the safe one man declared it would take the time to blow it open with dynamite. Some of the robbers were undoubtedly familiar with the section, as to give evidence of knowing some of the passengers. They disappeared in a gulch close by, where their trailing will be difficult. The sheriffs of Yellowstone and Custer counties are out with posses.

NOTICE.

A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of the Wasatch Consolidated Mining and Milling Company, for the purpose of electing a board of directors to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the office of the company, No. 214 Main street, Salt Lake City, Utah, on Saturday, September 2, 1893, at 2 o'clock p. m.

ALBERT WOODWARD, Secretary.

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THE FIRST ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING of the Club will be held at the office of Judge Zane, in the Templeton Building, on Friday, September 1, at 8 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of taking steps for the ensuing campaign, and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

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