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CONGRESS HAS ADJOURNED.

The Fifty-Fifth Congress has passed into history and its record, be it considered good or bad, is now a sealed book for all time.

While there are some blotches and blemishes upon its record, its good deeds outnumber its bad ones.

Among these, the rivalry of the grade of Admiral for George Dewey, and the refusal to sanction the conspiracy of the Navy Department against Commodore W. S. Schley come in for honorable mention.

George Dewey is now the full fledged Admiral of the American Navy—the first one we have had since the office lapsed with the death of Admiral Porter; and Rear Admiral Schley was confirmed with a rank two numbers ahead of his would-be robber, Rear Admiral Sampson, who was compelled to take his place (where he properly belonged) two numbers below.

Schley now ranks with a major-general of the army while Sampson ranks with a brigadier-general. This leaves these two officers in the same relative positions to each other that they had when the Spanish-American war began.

No one objected to Secretary Long having his brother-in-law Captain W. T. Sampson, promoted; but nearly everybody objected to his working a most flagrant and palpable injustice upon another officer to that end.

Next to Admiral Dewey himself, there was no other man who came out of the war with as firm a hold upon the admiration and affection of the whole body of the American public mind as did Admiral Winfield Scott Schley.

CHARLESTON'S MYSTERY.

That mysterious (?) murder in Charleston last week, whereby a Mr. Thomas Pinckney was shot down on the streets of a thickly populated portion of the city, is not being laid at the door of the dispensary for a wonder.

We wonder why? The News and Courier has not, as it did in the Phoenix affair, undertake to place the responsibility upon the State administration. We wonder why? When a reputable citizen was shot down at the ballot box at Phoenix and the people rose to avenge the cruel murder, it was the News and Courier that said: "The State administration has demonstrated utter incapacity or brutal indifference to a condition of things which will excite the condemnation of the world."

Does the News and Courier think the Charleston mystery (?) now that it has home rule, and a thorough system of local self government will excite the condemnation of the world? If not, we wonder why?

Thomas Pinckney was murdered, and somebody murdered him; who did it? Why did the weeping lady want the man whom she was talking to bind himself with an oath? "Will you swear it?" says this distressed lady. "Swear to what, and what for?" Who was that man in the church yard? where did he go? The whole country is interested in this mystery.

It is interesting to note that a man walking the streets on a bright moonlight night can be shot down, surrounded by occupied residences, under the glare of electric lights, and people passing all times of night, without the murderer being detected, then we would advise people when they visit that city not to venture out at night.

Mr. Pinckney had been murdered in New York somebody would have been behind the bars long before now, and family prestige would not have been in any avail.

But Charleston is not New York and it is exceedingly difficult to run down murderers there, if they are well concealed.

Poor Pinckney knew full well who shot him (two negroes) of course, but the cause has never leaked out, and the name of the white man in the church yard has not come to light so far.

McFall's testimony so thoroughly links with that of Mr. Logan's "crying lady," together with her exacting "Will you swear it" from the man, presumably Mr. Barwell, that the burden of proof now, as far as public opinion is concerned, lies with the "campaign party at the Barbin home to say who killed Pinckney and what for."

The News and Courier in teaching its city readers, that the "State administration has demonstrated utter incapacity or brutal indifference to a condition of things which will excite the condemnation of the world," has resped more than it intended when it sowed its baneful seed, and as a possible result the harvest comes nearer home.

The only opportunity offered Lieut-Governor McSheehy to cast a vote in the recent session, was a bill to permit domestic wines to be sold without license and without coming under the dispensary law.

The measure, to the surprise of the Senators met with a tie vote and as presiding officer the casting vote was cast by Governor McSheehy whose vote killed the bill. Had that measure become a law, the whole country would have been infested with liquor dens under the guise of dealing in domestic wines.

One of the best laws enacted in the recent General Assembly was the act to prevent double pay of witnesses in State cases. It has been ascertained that in every court magistrates, constables and deputies have appeared as witnesses in numbers of cases and drew pay for each case while at the same time they are drawing salaries from the State.

Under the new law, no officer drawing pay from the State either salary or per diem shall receive pay as a witness. The same law applies to town officials also. This will have the effect of saving money to the counties and it will also see fewer officials on the witness stand.

Senator Tillman, with Congressmen Lattimer and Norton are with a Congressional party touring South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. The party will be entertained in Columbia today and tomorrow night they will be in Charleston.

The whole party will attend a banquet given in honor of Senator Tillman by the business men of Columbia for his successful efforts in pushing through Congress a \$250,000 appropriation for Congaree river.

Columbians expect to have good water transportation in the near future. Now if they will go down into the earth for artesian wells they will put in another attractive feature to invite investments.

Col. T. L. Gantt, one of the most fluent writers in the State has been forced by failing health, to give up editorial work. Gantt will be greatly missed not only by the readers of the Spartanburg Herald, but the newspaper craft will miss his quaint and humorous pen.

We regret exceedingly that so able a writer must discontinue the work. Gantt was a useful man; in politics he was a hard fighter for the cause he advocated, at the same time he fought openly. His pen was ever ready to work for the interests of the people of Spartanburg county and the city of Spartanburg should never forget Gantt for his valuable services.

The Edgfield papers are booming Hon. John C. Shepperd for Governor to succeed the present incumbent; while it seems rather early to be launching booms, yet as one has been launched we see no harm in taking a peep at it.

Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.) Washington, March 3.—Nothing more significant occurred during the closing days of this Congress than Mr. McKinley's recognition of the rapidly increasing sentiment against an indefinite continuation of the policy towards the Philippines, which has been making rapid headway among prominent members of his own party and which is practically held by all Democrats in Congress.

Heretofore he has acted as though it were treason to even hint that the whole business should not be left to his discretion. This week he took another tack and talked of the necessity for Congressional action on the Philippine question and intimated, although he took particular pains not to definitely promise that an extra session of the fifty-sixth Congress would be called to deal with it soon after the treaty of peace goes into official effect.

Of course he may have been talking for fear that Congressional sentiment would force an immediate extra session, in order to settle the matter quickly. Czar Reed didn't succeed in his effort to kill the Nicaragua canal amendment to the river and harbor bill, but he scotched it.

The new army bill, which the Democratic Senators called the extra session bluff of Mr. McKinley, which gives the administration the number of men asked for, but limits their service to two years from the first of next July, was a bitter pill to many of the imperialists in Congress, but they had to obey orders from the White House and swallow it.

Mr. McKinley still lacks the nerve to follow the advice of some of his best friends and demand the resignation of Secretary Alger, but he had enough to compel Alger to announce the abandonment of his intended junket to Cuba and Porto Rico at public expense.

It is creditable to the Democratic members of the House and Senate military committees that almost without exception they declined Alger's invitation to themselves and family to accompany him on the junket before they knew that it had been called off.

He had figured that Democratic criticism could be silenced if he could carry a few prominent Democrats with him, but they were not to be caught in such a palpable trap. Secretary Allen didn't throw any bouquets at the Senate in a little farewell speech he made. He told the Senators that any single State in the Union could easily produce ninety men who were their peers in ability.

The impression in Congressional circles is that the administration did much more hurrying than there was any occasion for over the action of the German government in announcing that it had ordered the single warship it had at Manila away and its request that this government take all German citizens in the Philippines under its protection. It is a good guess that this move on the part of Germany was actuated by a desire to make it easy for its citizens in the Philippines to collect money from the United States for damage done to their property by the Filipinos.

Representatives Champ Clark of Missouri, J. Hamilton Lewis of Washington, Jerry Simpson of Kansas, and James G. Maguire of California, were among the speakers at a public meeting held under the auspices of the Washington Single Tax club. It was a sort of farewell so far as Simpson and Lewis were concerned, as they will retire from public life at noon tomorrow.

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Notice of Discharge. I will apply to the Probate Judge for Clarendon county on April 1st, 1899, for letters of discharge as administratrix of the estate of William P. Pegler, deceased. Mrs. T. L. PEGLER. Jordan, S. C., March 4, 1899. [35-42]

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