

NO CHANGES IN CABINET.

President's Official Family All Asked to Remain.

GIVES CABINET GREAT CREDIT

For the Achievements of His Administration—Cordial Relations Between the President and His Advisors.

Washington, D. C., Special.—President McKinley has announced clearly and forcefully to the members of his cabinet his desire that they should all remain with him during the four years of his coming administration.

The day's proceedings set forth the wishes of the President in the matter and relieves the members of the cabinet of the customary obligation of tendering their resignations at the end of the term, unless they have made an irrevocable decision that it will be improper for them to continue in office.

This is not the first time that the President has expressed to the members of the cabinet his pleasure at the support they had given him. He said as much in a general way at the last cabinet meeting when the members, several of whom had been sattered by the political campaign, met together for the first time and congratulated him upon the outcome of the election.

Secretary Hay was the first to respond. He said that for his part he deeply appreciated the complimentary references made by his chief and that he thought there was not a member of the cabinet who would sever such pleasant official relations without regret, and even then only in case of the most urgent reasons for retirement.

Engineers May Win \$ Rise. Terre Haute, Ind., Special.—The strike of the leading engineers in the Illinois coal fields, which was declared Monday, may be settled by the end of the week.

Whaleback Boats a Success. New Orleans, Special.—The whaleback tow boat McDougall and barges towed from St. Louis without a single mishap or delay.

PARIS SHOW ENDS.

The Great Exposition Closes With Brilliant Scenes.

Paris, By Cable.—The exposition closed Monday with the evening illumination. Five tickets were charged for one admission. There were few visitors in the daytime, tickets lacking purchasers at a sou each.

The closing days of the exposition have been marked by wholesale bullfighting of the properties of a number of concession holders, chiefly restaurant-keepers and proprietors of state shows, who have failed to meet their financial obligations.

Fatal Fire.

Popular Bluff, Mo., Special.—Fire, accompanied by a terrific fatality occurred Monday morning, resulting in the total destruction of the Gifford house, a large three-story frame building.

Death of Marcus Da'v.

New York, Special.—Marcus Daly, of Montana, one of the wealthiest mine owners of the world and the man who put up such a bitter fight against W. A. Clark when the latter ran for the United States Senate, died at the Hotel Netherlands.

Alaskan Report.

The report of Gen. Randall, of the department of Alaska, conveys confirmation of the reports which have come from that region from time to time, concerning the declination of the Indian and Eskimo inhabitants.

The Salt Trust.

Chicago, Special.—The Chronicle says: "The National Salt Company has put up the price of common salt of a fair quality to \$2.50 per 100 pounds.

THE COMING LEGISLATURE.

An Intelligent Choice of What Will Be Done.

Columbia, S. C., Special.—The General Assembly will have no really serious propositions to settle. While there is a great deal of legislation left over from year to year, the consensus of opinion is that there is abundant legislation on the statute books and that the least done the better it will be for the state at large.

The new General Assembly will be a larger proportion of new lawmakers than has ever before been in such a body. The usual quota of re-elected members is absent, and no doubt the young and new members will think that their greatness depends upon the number of bills offered and new and novel schemes proposed.

Naturally the amendments recently voted upon will come up and consume considerable time. Some will want to do right about with the necessary legislation, taking for granted that the courts will pass over the error made in the enrolled resolution.

Year after year bills are offered proposing the reorganization of the judicial circuits and that there be ten in each circuit.

The scheme adopted by the last General Assembly of providing for special terms of courts, on petition of a majority of the members of the bar of any county, seems to have worked very well, and a good deal of the congestion in Spartanburg, Cherokee and other counties has been relieved.

One question that will come up, in fact it has been coming up for several years, is the sale of the state farms. Some of the members of the General Assembly think the best way to dispose of them is to divide them into three hundred tracts of cotton and wheat and corn with which to tempt the convicts the State ought to engage in farming at all, and sell no matter at what price the valuable farms that it owns.

It ought to be realized that only the long-term convicts are now sent to the penitentiary from practically all of the counties, except Charleston.

Annual Inspection.

The railroad commissioners are now arranging to start out at once upon their annual inspection tours of the various railroads in the State.

Charitable Institutions. Dr. A. A. Moore, of Camden, who is the inspector for the State Board of Health of the penal and charitable institutions in the State, is now on his annual tour of inspection.

TROUBLE WITH BARRILS

A Gentleman at the once Has a Fight at the Depot.

Florence, Special.—There might have been serious trouble at the Atlantic Coast Line passenger depot Sunday night between the railroad and the efforts of a policeman, the effective work of Mr. J. G. Egger's walking stick and finally the accidental discharge of a pistol which dispersed the crowd of persons who were there to blame for the forwarded riot.

There was a large crowd of persons waiting about the platform, a usual Sunday evening occurrence. Mr. Egger was describing a fight from the top of the train and his progress was blocked by a lot of people who refused to move.

The New Tug.

Beaufort, Special.—The new steam tug Abram Minnis, of Savannah, Ga., was here Sunday night. The vessel is the most powerful tug boat on the south Atlantic coast, and was only very recently completed by a prominent shipbuilding concern in the north.

The tug was in the harbor here for the night, and the spectacle attracted very general attention. When the tug was abreast of the plant of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical company, the steamer Pilot Boy was just passing the harbor.

Killing at Eastover.

Eastover, Special.—Mr. W. S. Hodge who lives about one and one-half miles from Eastover, was found dead Monday morning in the road about half a mile from Eastover.

Killed at Clifton.

Clifton, Special.—Immediately after religious services at the hall at Clifton (Clifton No. 3) Sunday night, Thos. Gibson and Passo Bradley became engaged in a difficulty which resulted in Gibson shooting and instantly killing Bradley.

Invited to Little Rock.

The Arkansas State board of trade has extended a cordial and pressing invitation to Governor McSwain to attend the ceremonies of the laying of the corner-stone of the new million dollar Capitol at Little Rock.

THE AMENDMENT MUDDLE.

A Clerk's Blunder Sets Aside the Will of the People.

The assistant attorney general, M. C. Cooper, in talking about the bond amendment matter, said: "It has been called to the attention of the public that the tickets voted in the general election on the constitutional amendment in reference to the bonded indebtedness of the State of South Carolina, that the following amendment to section 7 of article VIII of the constitution be amended."

The proposed amendment as voted upon was an amendment to this section of the constitution which was to allow the bonded indebtedness of all cities to be limited to 8 per cent of the assessed value of all taxable property.

The bill as passed the general assembly the said section 7, article VIII was properly referred to as well as section 5, article IV above referred to (which had no bearing on the matter).

The evident intention was not only to propose an amendment to section 7, but also to amend section 5, inasmuch as that section also limited the bonded debt in any municipal corporation to 8 per cent of the assessed value of the taxable property therein.

Should Be Thankful.

Governor McSwain Issues the Usual Proclamation.

The regulation Thanksgiving Day proclamation has been issued. Gov. McSwain has issued the customary proclamation, in which this year there is much more of fact than usual.

Should Be Thankful.

The banks and public offices close for the day and a few churches have special services.

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In the Providence of God we have been spared as a people and a state for another year. Peace and prosperity, health and happiness have been sent to us. We have not been visited by plague or pestilence.

SUCCESSFUL ENTERPRISE.

Excellent Showing by a South Carolina Company.

One of the most creditable exhibits at the recent State fair was that of the Dexter Broom and Mattress Company of Pelzer. Through an error in the rush of the reporters' work this exhibit was credited to a North Carolina town instead of to the enterprising Pelzer concern.

The Dexter Broom and Mattress Company, made by an improved process, is said by those who have used them to be always springy and comfortable. The material used in their manufacture comes from the great Pelzer cotton mills, just at their door, but the raw material out of which the broom product of the same company is made is not as accessible.

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