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GETTING READY.

Preparations Complete For Inauguration of New Officers.

Columbia, Special.—Though it is a little early for State officers and others to be worrying about the coming session of the general assembly, considerable preparations are being made for the assembling of the new body and the approaching change of State administration.

This year the legislators will be very much more comfortably quartered during business hours.

Mr. J. T. Gantt, the incoming secretary of state and the present chief clerk of the office of secretary of state has had a force of men busy for some days getting the committee rooms and the legislative halls at the capitol in first-class condition, so that the work will be out of the way during the holiday season. The senate committee rooms have all been fitted with the finest furniture ordered at the last session under appropriations made by the legislature. This year also the halls will be found cleaner and neater than for some years pas tand will be certainly better lighted than they have been. The immense chandelier ordered for the centre of the house of representatives has not yet arrived, but it is expected in a few days and will be put up as soon as it gets here. Mr. Gantt is now busy completing the terraces about the building, and today they present a handsome appearance. When covered over with sand they will look neat, and the capitol will present a more attractive exterior than it has ever done. This work has been rushed in order to have it accomplished before fair week opens.

THE ANNUAL REPORTS.

The various State officers are already hard at work upon the preparation of their annual reports to the general assembly and if they continue to work as earnestly as they have the past week the more important reports will be ready for the type by the time the session opens this year.

THE ENGROSSING DEPARTMENT.

Inasmuch as his term of office expires soon after the convening of the legislature, Attorney General Bellinger desires the numerous applicants for position in the engrossing department to understand that he will make no appointment except upon the suggestion of his prospective successor, Mr. F. N. Gunter, Jr., acting alone, of course, such as may be signed by the respective solicitors according to custom.

This course is determined upon for the work of the department so for the session will devolve upon the newly elected attorney general.

All applicants are requested to take notice of this statement as time and opportunity are not afforded to acknowledge even the receipt of applications by letter in individual cases.

Mr Gunter says that all the positions in this department have been filled, and that it will be useless for any person to apply for a place.

City By the Sea.

Charleston, Special.—The actual construction of the dry dock at the Charleston navy yard is expected to be begun within the next week or ten days and representatives of the New York Continental Jewel company which has the contract, will be here in a few days to arrange the preliminaries. The work has to be completed within 36 calendar months, and there is consequently no time to be lost in starting the big job. Orders have already been given for the immediate removal of the buildings which are at Chicora park, the site of the government property, to an adjoining tract of land, removing all incumbrances, in accordance with the terms of the sale of the property to the government. The buildings belong to the Consolidated Midway Company and consist of a pavilion, bokling alleys, restaurant, etc. The contract for the removal has already been let. Hundreds of laborers will be employed on the big contract by the New York firm.

The repairs to the Clyde steamer which was recently damaged in Collision with the Iroquois down the harbor have been completed and the steamer took on board today a cargo of lumber, cotton and clay and will sail tomorrow for New York, where she will be thoroughly overhauled. The blame for the collision has never been fixed, as far as is known here, and all efforts to get a statement of the damage to the vessels and the cargo have proven without avail.

Daughters of Revolution to Meet.

Columbia, Special.—Arrangements are being perfected for a big State conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution to be held in the State house on the 29th inst., which will be Wednesday of fair week. A very large attendance is expected from all parts of the State. The programme will be a very elaborate and interesting one. There will be addresses by gifted women from every portion of the State. The business meeting will be followed by a reception on the evening of the 29th in the State house, given by the members of the Columbia chapter in honor of the visiting ladies. This reception promises to be a brilliant event and the men will be invited. The State regent, Mrs. H. W. Richardson, and themembers of the local chapter have not spared time or pains to make both the conference and reception a fine success.

The saw-mill and buildings of the Nottingham Coal & Ice Co. and the warerooms of the Roanoke Milling Co. in Roanoke, Va., were destroyed by fire on the 16th inst. The loss is about $5000; partly covered by insurance.

Horse Swappers' Convention

Walhalla, Special.—A grand reunion of the Horse Swappers association of the Carolinas and Georgia will be held here during court week, on November 3, 4 and 5. Tremendous crowds, hundreds of horses and mules and a jolly good time are expected. The officers of the convention are W. H. Cobb, president; Robt. Dilworth, secretary; and Robert Miller and James Hunnicutt, managers. This zone makes the gathering a success. Ample preparations are being made for feed and stable room.

Atlantic Coast Line Dividends.

Wilmington, Special.—The board of directors of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company has declared a dividend of 2 1-2 per cent. on the preferred capital stock of that company, on all stock outstanding on November 1st, 1902. The directors have given instructions to pay to all holders of record on November 1st 2 per cent. interest on the certificates of indebtedness of that company, which have been issued in lieu of the preferred stock.

EMBARRASSED THE CLERGYMAN

Minister's Makeshift All Right Until the Maid Appeared.

A distinguished Episcopal clergyman was once called on to officiate at a fashionable summer resort church, and, finding only a short surplice and no cassock in the vestry, was very much disturbed at the thought of having to appear in a vesture that to the frivolous would look like a white shirt and trousers. But a happy inspiration came to him. Why not wear one of his wife's black petticoats? The portion that would show below the surplice would look exactly like the regulation cassock, and no one would ever be the wiser. So he hurriedly sent one of the ushers with an explanatory note to his wife in the hotel, and in the nick of time the petticoat arrived. The makeshift turned out to be a perfect success, and no one at a distance could tell that he was not wearing a cassock. After the close of the service he decided to go out to the body of the church without taking off his robes, in order to greet some friends. And he was soon the center of a group of fashionable women, when a green Irish maid from the hotel came up, and in a loud voice said to him: "Yer Riverence, the missus sint me afther her petticoat that ye do be wearin', an' I wuz to wait till ye take it off."—New York Tribune.

He Needed no Introduction.

An amusing story comes from Paris of the device adopted by a prominent clubman of wealth and position to form the acquaintance of a lady well known for her beauty in social and theatrical circles. The lady was lunching in a fashionable restaurant in the Bois de Boulogne, accompanied by her equally well-known poodle, says the London Globe. The dog was running from table to table, picking up pieces and collecting morsals from other diners, and presently, when it returned to its mistress, she was astonished to see written on its back in red chalk, "Tell your mistress that she is simply adorable and I love her exceedingly." The gentleman signed his name. After this a formal introduction was no longer necessary.

All He Was Paid For.

The leader of the band frowned as he brought the music to a standstill in the middle of a bar.

"Say, Pumpernickel," he demanded, in a loud whisper, "what do you mean by playing a lot of half notes where there should be whole?"

Pumpernickel took the horn off his neck.

"Vell," said he, "I make explantionings by you. You rememper dot you sed down my vages to hallaf, don'd you?"

The leader stared in amazement. He had done so, but—

"Ued so I gontinuings to make der notes out mid dis horn halluf notes, until der vages vos restorded unto whole vages. Aind it, yes?"

Sometimes a comedian can produce a grave crisis.—Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

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The recording angel cannot be fooled by church reports. So. 43.

HINTS FOR LITERARY PEOPLE.

A German Publisher's Rather Expressive Views.

The Author, of London, publishes the following "literary hints for the wealthy and cultivated," which, it says, were taken from a German publisher's advertisements:

A gentleman does not give his daughter a dowry of from five to fifty thousand pounds and forget to provide her with a bookcase.

A gentleman does not have a full wine cellar and empty book shelves.

A gentleman does not use eau-de-cologne and read greasy volumes from a circulating library.

A gentleman does not borrow good works which he is in a position to buy.

A gentleman does not talk about the latest literature when he is acquainted only with what has been said of it by the reviewers.

A gentleman does not cut books with his fingers, even after having washed his hands.

A gentleman does not possess a box of carpenter's tools, but no paper knife.

A gentleman does not receive books for review and give them away or sell them without opening them.

A gentleman does not make presents only of things which are entirely without intellectual value.

A gentleman does not send to his bookseller for a parcel of books on approval, and after having read them, return them, saying that none of them suit him.

A gentleman does not buy only sixpenny cheap editions.

A gentleman does not depend for his reading upon the daily journals and illustrated weeklies.

Jumped Into Engine Stack.

A dispatch from Joplin, Mo., says: Owen Greelish, of Leavenworth, Kas., was killed between Lebanon and Springfield by jumping into the funnel of the locomotive smoke stack on the west bound St. Louis and San Francisco passenger train. The dispatch says the young man committed suicide. He climbed to the top of the water tank and when the train stopped jumped into the smoke stack whooping as he leaped. He was pulled out by the train crew horribly burned and died in a few moments. His body was taken to Lebanon. Greelish's brother, in this city, knows nothing of the details, but denies that the death was suicidal. He says that he received a postal the day before and that his brother did not seem dejected or liable to kill himself.

It is stated that the Cathcart Lumber Co. of Decatur, Ala., which has been operating a band-saw mill at that place of 30,000 feet capacity, has made arrangements to build a mill of much greater capacity.

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Pe-ru-na a Preventive and Cure for Colds.

Mr. C. F. Given, Sussex, N. B., Vice-President of the Pastime Boating Club, writes:

"Whenever the cold weather sets in I have for years past been very sure to catch a severe cold, which was hard to throw off, and which would leave after-effects on my constitution the most of the winter.

"Last winter I was advised to try Peruna, and within five days the cold was broken up, and in five days more I was a well man. I recommended it to several of my friends, and all speak the highest praise for it. *There is nothing like Peruna for catarrhal afflictions. It is well nigh infallible as a cure, and I gladly endorse it."*—*C. F. Given.*

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