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MCKINLEY'S CABINET.

He Has Not Settled Two Most Important Places.

According to the best information Mr. McKinley is having a great deal of trouble to fill the two most important places in his cabinet—the secretaryships of State and Treasury. There are three men from among whom he wants to fill these two places. These are Sherman, Allison and Dingley. All three are disinclined to accept, and Mr. McKinley has not been able to settle upon any one else entirely satisfactory for either place.

Tenders have not been made and declined by any of these gentlemen, but all three have been sounded directly or indirectly, and it has been found that all would prefer to retain their present positions. Mr. Allison, it is understood, will positively not accept a Cabinet position. It remains to be seen whether the other two can be induced to accept.

Mr. McKinley is represented as being hopeful that both will agree to serve the administration, but he is under the necessity of looking elsewhere, as neither will agree to go into the cabinet, except as a matter of party duty. Mr. McKinley has asked a number of men to make suggestions for both the State and Treasury departments and has indicated that he had not been able to think of any one so well suited as the three men he has in contemplation.

The idea of Mr. Hanna going into the Cabinet has been abandoned altogether, it is said. In addition to his disinclination to take such a position the consideration of his health enters into the matter.

It is asserted on the best of authority, though the fact is not generally known, that Mr. Hanna has had two or three attacks recently, which have given his friends great concern. He has suffered, it is said, on two or three occasions recently, momentary collapse indicating an overstrain of his constitution. His physicians have not been prepared to say that these attacks were necessarily of a serious character as they might be the result of nothing worse than temporary exhaustion, but at the same time the matter has caused anxiety among his friends.—Washington Star.

"RUMP HOUSE."

A Pretty Mess in Delaware.

Dover, Del., Jan. 5—The Delaware Legislature was organized today with much confusion and turmoil. The seven Kent county Republicans against whose seat the Court of Errors and Appeals yesterday decided, were denied recognition, and after fruitless protest the Republicans left the hall and organized a "Rump" House at the Hotel Richardson. There they elected Dr. T. C. Moore Speaker, and Charles Hastings Clerk. After notifying the Senate that they were ready to receive any communication from that body and receiving no reply the body then adjourned to meet next Friday afternoon.

The Kent countians were led by Dr. George W. Marshall, chairman of the Republican county committee, who vainly appealed to the Speaker and clerk of the regular House to accept their credentials. When they appealed to the Republicans to retire from the hall and organize another body, Senators Pearce and John Moore refused to do so, although it is charged to-night that they had agreed to do so in case Senator J. Frank Allee of Kent was not recognized.

The Senate was organized by the Democrats, Samuel B. Meredith, whose seat was in dispute, being allowed to vote while Allee was not.

This made the vote four to five in favor of the Democrats. After participating in the vote for temporary chairman, the Republicans refused to vote except in case of the chaplain, when John M. C. Moore voted for Rev. T. Revelle, who was elected.

Senator Hanby championed the cause of the Republicans, but his colleagues remained mute.

Before the adjournment, Senator Alrichs filed a protest against the right of Mr. Meredith to vote on temporary organization, but no action was taken thereon.

After adjournment, the Republican Senators held a conference in the State House parlor, during which Senators Hanby and Allee accused Senator Fisher Pearce of treachery, and of playing into the hands of the Democrats. Pearce made no defence.

WEYLER AGAIN.

The Home Government Placing Renewed Confidence in Him—Proposed Reforms for Cuba—Great Morality Among the Soldiers

London, January 8—The Standard's Madrid correspondent telegraphs that despite the criticisms of the press, Captain General Weyler has certainly regained favor in official circles, owing to the demonstrations made in his favor by the loyalists in Havana. Loyalist clubs have cabled to the government that they believe that General Weyler's policy will pacify the island and urge that he be retained in his command. The government also seems to be satisfied with General Weyler's dispatches. The correspondents say that the government has already formulated decrees granting reforms which will be put into effect as soon as General Weyler announces the pacification of the provinces of Habana and Maranzas and the security of crops in half the island is assured. It is understood that under the scheme of reform all the services in the island will be placed under the direction of a council of administration, which is about to be created, but everything concerning the army and navy justice, taxation and tariff will be retained by Spain. The Cuban and Porto Rican deputies will continue to sit in the cortes. The councils in both Cuba and Porto Rico will be consulted concerning the budgets and taxation and their views will be submitted to the cortes.

The government expects that this scheme will conciliate a majority of the Cubans and improve the relations with the United States.

The Herald, as an instance of the death rate and the sickness among the soldiers in Cuba, says that a column of 4,000 men sent to the island at the beginning of November numbered only 700 men at the end of that month. Many other columns show similar losses from death and sickness.

The latest big windfall has struck the Himelberger family of Reading, Pa., and the remarkable thing about it is that it came from North Carolina from an old fellow who saved up between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000, died and left it all to the Himelbergers. The only unlikely thing about this is that men with that much money are rarely in the habit of living or dying in North Carolina.—Star.

The lynchings last year numbered according to the Chicago Tribune, 131, of which 107 were in the South and 24 in other parts of the country. The number of negroes lynched was 80, and of white men 51.—Star.

Hargrave the hustler, has introduced a new cash system which is proving quite popular.

A HUMAN FIEND.

Five Persons Murdered Without Cause—A Lynching Probable.

Mayesville, S. C., Jan 7—Simon Cooper, the negro outlaw, it will be remembered shot and killed another negro by the name of Davis and wounded several others at Magnolia a few days ago and for whom there is a reward of \$100 offered by the Governor, put in some more bloody work this morning near Magnolia. Cooper entered the house of Mr. Ben Wilson this morning about sunrise and demanded the use of Mr. Wilson's buggy which was refused. This human monster then picked up an axe and split Mr. Ben Wilson's head wide open. He then made for Mr. Wesley Wilson, the son, and murdered him in a like manner. He then murdered Mrs. Wesley Wilson with the same weapon, after which he struck down a negro who had come up on hearing the noise. He left the axe sticking in the negro's head.

Soon afterward the telegraph wires began to hum with a full account of the bloody and shocking tragedy. As soon as the news reached Sumter the Sheriff organized a posse of men chartered a special car, and came over to Mayesville, where reinforcements from this town and surrounding country awaiting his command. Soon word reached the sheriff here that Simon Cooper had been seen within two miles of Sumter in a buggy, wrapped in a quilt, with another negro driving him. The sheriff then divided the volunteers into several posses and sent them out in different directions, while he, with several others, returned to Sumter on a special train. Several persons who came to Mayesville during the day reported that they had met a buggy on the road, and that some one was in the buggy wrapped up in a quilt, and one person, the driver of the vehicle, said that the person so wrapped up was his wife, and that she was sick and that he was taking her to the doctor.

At a late hour this evening the driver of the vehicle was captured and brought to Mayesville. The fellow proved to be a young negro by the name of Boyle. The quilt was in the buggy and proved to be the property of Mr. Wesley Wilson, one of the murdered men. Boyle is locked up here in the guard house and will be taken to Sumter jail. The coroner went over to the scene of the terrible tragedy to-day and held an inquest over the dead bodies.

The Wilsons were white people of high standing in the community and their untimely death is deplored by all who knew them. Mr. Ben Wilson was an old man, about eighty years of age, his son Wesley was about forty. Mrs. Wilson was about thirty-five. Two poor little innocent children have been left orphans on account of the terrible deed, of the monster Simon Cooper.

Up to this hour Cooper has not been captured but it is almost impossible for him to escape as the country is being scoured in every direction for him and if captured we predict that his fate will be a terrible one.

Cooper got out of the buggy near Sumter, but it is believed he did not enter the town, and that he has gone in the direction of Mechanicsville where he has an uncle living. When he got out of the buggy, so Boyle says he told the driver, that he expected to go back to Magnolia tonight and flood the town with blood.

A GHASTLY SIGHT.

Results of a Fight in a Dark Room of Drunken Hungarians at a Christening.

Scranton, Pa., January 8—An Hungarian Christening at Mayfield, this county yesterday had the usual bloody ending which attends these festivals. As the result of a fight with knives, one man is dead, two are dying and five others are badly carved. Strong liquor flowed freely at the Christening and soon many of the men were mad with drink.

Seven of the participants in the feast went to the house of Lucetz Krutchas. Krutchas soon had to resent an insult to his wife and then the knives flashed out. Mrs. Krutchas dashed out the light and fled from the rooms. A fearful fight followed in the dark. The drink-maddened men cut and stabbed each other and rolled together upon the floor in deadly grapple. Finally a constable and a posse broke into the house and when a light was had a ghastly picture was presented. The furniture was battered and broken and blood was everywhere and stretched on the floor were eight apparently dead and dying men, groaning and cursing.

A physician was hastily summoned. Krutchas was so terribly cut that he died in a short while. The injuries of the other men show the savage nature of the fight. Peter Guzy was cut over the heart and left hand severed at the wrist, will die. Wazy Zubi, stabbed in the back lung pierced and chunk of meat cut from shoulder, will probably die, John Turpaknoe, ear cut off and numerous slashes on shoulder and back, Paul Pawaik, face and arms slashed, John Nester, face head, and breast badly cut. Micheal Oleaniz, stabbed in the face and back, Andrew Telep, stabs and arm broken. These men are under guard in the hospital and an investigation of the affair is being made.

To Abolish Hanging.

Washington, Jan. 5—The Senate passed the House bill abolishing the death penalty in a number of cases. The measure is in the line of recent State laws abolishing capital punishment and applies the same principles to Federal offices, although the change is not extended to total abolition of the death penalty. The present laws which have come down from Colonial times, have a sanguinary aspect and prescribe death for sixty offenses of various character. The bill passed to-day reduces these offenses to five, viz., treason, rape, murder, and two offenses applicable to the army and navy. In all other offenses hard labor for life is substituted as the maximum punishment, and even in cases of murder or rape hard labor may be substituted if the jury states in its verdict, "without capital punishment." As the bill has passed the House after a long crusade by Representative Curtis, of New York, and is amended but slightly by the Senate, it is likely to go to the President when the minor disagreements are arranged.

San Francisco will soon have the most capacious wine tank in the world. There is one in Toledo, O., which will hold 54,000 gallons, and one in Germany which holds 50,000, but this one in San Francisco will hold 80,000 gallons.—Star.

"Old, yet ever new, and simple and beautiful ever," sings the poet, in words which might well apply to Ayer's Sarsaparilla—the most efficient and scientific blood-purifier ever offered to suffering humanity. Nothing but superior merit keeps it so long to the front.

FROM CURRITUCK TO CHEROKEE.

REVIEW OF RECENT HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

An ordinance has been adopted requiring the Fayetteville rum mills to close at 10 o'clock every night except Saturday when they may stay open until 11.

There is a movement on foot among the negroes to establish a cotton factory at Concord. About one-half of the capital stock has already been subscribed and it looks as if the project would really succeed. This enterprising spirit is commendable and should be supported.

Near Roanoke island a short time ago a reliable gentleman informs us that he saw a flock of beautiful white swans nearly five miles long. They flew well together and kept far out into the sound. It is very rare to see these birds in such large numbers, and the gentlemen thought it meant cold weather ahead.—Ex.

Winston, N. C., January 5—The Yadkin Falls Manufacturing Company, owners of a large cotton mill at Yadkin Falls, Stanley county, N. C. has gone into the hands of N. B. McCannless, receiver. The stock is largely owned by Salisbury people. The failure was due to the inability of creditors to realize on their stock.

A company has been organized to buy the narrow gauge Chester and Lenoir rail road in the Western part of the State. New stock will be issued and the new company has arranged to sell \$450,000 worth of bonds with which to settle all claims against the old corporation and build and equip the missing link in the road between Newton and Hickory.

In Beaver Dam township, there is a sensation. The cause is the rather peculiar action of several wells. Since the December snow three wells in the same neighborhood have gone to boiling. All over the bottom of the wells the water boils and bubbles like a pot, and there is an accompanying singing noise that can be heard some distance away.—Greenville Reflector.

In 1863 the federal authorities destroyed fifty-five bales of cotton, the property of John D. Thorne, of Littleton. We are pleased to note that Senator Marion Butler has introduced a bill in the United States Senate for Mr. Thorne's relief, providing for the payment of \$12,800 for the burning of said cotton. This is one of Senator Butler's acts that all the people of Halifax county will heartily approve.—Weldon News.

In strange form indeed does death come when life goes out in laughter, but in such manner, we are informed, death came last Saturday to Mr. Dan Siford. He was at the store of Mr. Will Thompson, in Stanley Creek. Of a social disposition he was enjoying conversation and companionship with friends and neighbors who chanced to be there also. He threw his head back in laughter at him, when it was noticed that he kept on backward and fell over dead. He was a good citizen and was well known over the county. He used to run a ferry not far below Mountain Island.—Gastonia Gazette.

At Richmond, Va., Monday, while Paul Davis, negro, was being conveyed from Henrico county jail to the court house to be tried for criminal assault on Cora Twitchell, a white girl, the father of the girl, C. A. Twitchell, shot the negro, inflicting a wound which may prove fatal.

CASTORIA.

The fac-simile signature of J. C. Pitcher is on every wrapper.