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A REST FROM LEGISLATION.

We observe that most of our contemporaries are rejoicing that the adjournment of Congress brings us a rest from legislation. Especially does Mr. Matthew Marshall—one of the entertaining writers who enliven the columns of the New York Sun with the sophisticated disquisitions on the finances and economics which the half-deep people of the "metropolis" swallow so eagerly—especially does this well-known gentleman elaborate the reasons for the prevalent state of mind. He begins his column and a half article thus: "The rejoicings on the final adjournment of Congress expressed pretty fairly, it may be presumed, the sentiments of the majority of the citizens of this part of the country. It is true that the expiration of every Congress and of every State Legislature for years past has likewise been hailed with delight, but that does not in the least diminish the significance of the demonstration. It is also true that Congress which has just passed out of existence has shown rather an incapacity for good than a capacity for evil; and that its sins have been sins more of omission than of commission, but nevertheless there was no telling what it might not eventually have succeeded in accomplishing in the way of mischief."

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cut from \$16,000 to \$6,000. Bill to consolidate the State Guard from the College. (Congress gives \$17,000 providing college be forever separate from any other.) Mewborne to be manager of both, passed 57 to 22.

Tuesday Governor Carr sent a special message saying if the penitentiary appropriation was not increased this institution must meet a crisis within the year. Appropriation increased to \$45,000 for two years. County directors and county superintendents abolished. Bill to appoint nine new directors for the penitentiary came up, some of the members Democratic started to leave the floor to break a quorum, when the negro doorkeeper forced them back. A scuffle followed, and had not the door been forced open a serious riot would have occurred. It was decided early in the session that 61 votes was necessary for any and no vote, but last night there were only 50, when the Speaker cast a vote making 51. The bill passed 51 to 49.

All the calendar cleared and adjournment comes to-night. Bill for nine new members of the State Board of Education. State Librarian by Legislature killed to-day.

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Mills 8.95 McFadyen, A. B. 190 acres Jumping 8.66

McNeil, Sarah J. 50 acres Middle Creek 3.30

McIntosh, A. B. 10 acres residence 3.55

McIntyre, Sarah 146 acres 3.29

McKay, Peter 32 acres Manly land 8.72

McKay, Andrew 51 acres Big branch 3.55

McKay, Toss 25 acres Big branch 3.55

McKay, James M. 64 acres res 3.16

McKay, John 17 acres res 1.30

McKay, Annabella, Hens 3,000 acres 31.50

McKellar land 30.70

McKellar, Mrs. Mary 700 acres Big Rockfish 10.70

McKethan, A. J. 65 acres res 8.82

McNeill, Robert 30 do do 3.65

McPherson, Toby 36 do do 3.40

McPherson, Amelia 6 do do 1.30

Godwin land 2.70 Carter, Fannie 57 acres residence 1.20