

## GLAD TO GET AWAY.

The President More Than Happy  
Leave Washington and Its Woes.

## WILLING TO ABANDON BUSINESS

For the Pleasure of Forming His Family's  
Acquaintance Weekly.

## WANAMAKER'S TELEGRAPH RATES CUT

Upheld by One of His Subordinates, but Not Likely to  
be a Success.

President Harrison left Washington yesterday for Deer Park, where he will rest at least until Wednesday, when he may return to Washington to meet with his Cabinet. Second Assistant Postmaster General Whitfield thinks Postmaster Wanamaker was fully justified in cutting the rates for Government telegrams. The present opinion is that Mr. Wanamaker may have to pay the old rates or go without telegraphic accommodations.

*SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCHER.*  
WASHINGTON, July 12.—With satisfaction shining in every line of his pale countenance, the President departed this afternoon for Deer Park, where he will soon be in the bosom of his family. The Presidential party was composed of the President, Secretary Windom, the Misses Windom and Secretaries Halford.

Notwithstanding the general report that the President would take several days with him to Deer Park, and carry on the executive business of the country, the more comfortable ministerial advisers, the President's friends of the kind, and most intended to do it. His purpose in going to the mountains is to be with his family and abandon all thought of executive business as far as possible. He will do nothing more serious than indulge mountain walks and rides with his family, boboats, and make sport with parties like those of Senator Davis, and probably hunt a little and fish a little, though such sports are slightly out of season. He will return next Wednesday in time for the Cabinet meeting, and this going on Friday morning will be his programme during the week with slight variations, such as his visit to Blaine, which will be made about two weeks. This visit will be made by the Secretary of State, Mr. Blaine, and partly to put the finishing touch upon the stories that there is a lack of friendly feeling between the President and the Secretary.

During the absence of the President applications for pensions were suspended from the departments. Among the callers to-day, previous to the departure of the President, were Hon. A. Loudon Snowden, of Philadelphia, the new Minister to Greece, Dr. Thomas V. Cooper, Commissioner Collector at the port of Philadelphia, and Commissioner of Customs Holliday, of Erie. Cooper was simply too sweet for anything in his greeting of the President, and nobody was met more cordially than he by the Chief Executive.

## THE ARMY RECORDS.

An Important Order to be Promulgated in  
the War Department—Valueable  
War Records to be Care-  
fully Preserved.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—The object of the order for the compilation of several divisions of the War Department, soon to be promulgated is three-fold: First, to bring up to date the work in the Adjutant General's office, some of which is six months or more in arrears; second, to simplify and systematize certain branches of work; and third, to preserve such important original records of the volunteer army as muster-rolls, hospital registers, etc. Some years ago when Assistant Surgeon Alisworth, of the Army was in charge of the medical records of the Medical Hospital and Medical Record Office of the Surgeon General's office, he found them in a dilapidated condition, some of them, in fact, by long use and constant handling, falling to pieces.

The importance not to say necessity, of preserving these records will be better appreciated when it is understood that they contain the official evidence, not otherwise attainable in thousands of cases, to establish the right of pension and compensation of applicants for pensions. Dr. Alisworth at one began the preparation of an alphabetical index-catalogue of these records, setting forth the medical history of every officer and soldier whose names were therein. As this catalogue grew the searches were easier as well as more thorough, and the original records were no longer subjected to constant thumbing and careless handling. The index catalogue will be completed by the end of the current year. Already, in its incomplete condition, it has enabled the clerks not only to bring up to date work which was six months or more in arrears when it was begun, but also to save effectively about 75 per cent of the inquiries from the Pension Bureau, against about 50 per cent due to the practice formerly in vogue.

It is now proposed to apply the same system to the records of the Cavalry Service in the Adjutant General's Office. Of course, this is a work of much greater magnitude, but when completed it will be practicable to ascertain in a tithe of the military history of any officer or soldier whose name is borne on any muster roll, and will be of incalculable value in the investigation and speedy adjudication, not only for pensions, but for all other compensation offenders of the law, inasmuch as that country is under the jurisdiction of no court.

## No Arrest in Oklahoma.

TOPEKA, KAN., July 12.—Judge Foster, of the United States Court for the District of Kansas, to-day rendered a decision to the effect that no official of Oklahoma has legal authority to arrest a fugitive from justice. It will not prevent the dismembered by constable having the records and other original records of the Volunteer army, which should be carefully preserved as long as the Government shall endure.

## NOT A FIRST-CLASS BOY.

A Female War Heroine Who Passed for  
Some Time as One of Her Heroes.

*SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCHER.*

WASHINGTON, July 12.—Mrs. Virginia Magoffin, who had been making a checkerboard during the war, is here seeking a pension. She served as a "first-class boy" in the navy, and filled numerous other places. She says that while she was rated as a first-class boy, she did not wear pants, but dressed as other girls and women did. Her story is a remarkable one. She is a widow in Mississippi, and at the outbreak of the war she joined the navy. She floated down the river during a flood, and was picked up and taken to a pilot town in a gunboat. Her movements after that she tells as follows:

There was a hospital there in charge of Dr. Philip Hayes, who lives in this city. Burbank was there also. I went into the kitchen fully there, both as cook and nurse. In November 10, when I was sent to Pensacola, Dr. Hayes, who was a doctor, had a spell of yellow fever. The doctors had some talk about my pay, saying it was a shame that I was working so faithfully for the country, and I got a good work from June 10, 1861, to June 14, 1863. They had a special room for me, and I worked faithfully there, both as cook and nurse. In August, 1863, had a spell of yellow fever. The doctors had some talk about my pay, saying it was a shame that I was working so faithfully for the country, and I got a good work from June 10, 1861, to June 14, 1863. They had a special room for me, and I worked faithfully there, both as cook and nurse. In November 10, when I was sent to Pensacola, Dr. Hayes, who was a doctor, had a spell of yellow fever. 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