

Mr. Buckey submitted the following resolution :

Resolved, That we, the minority of the House, extend to the Speaker and officers of the House our congratulations for the fair and impartial discharge of their official duties; and to the members of the House for their uniform, courteous and gentlemanly manner in which they have treated the members of the Republican party of this House.

Which was read, and ordered spread on the Journal.

Mr. Hill submitted the following resolution :

Resolved, That the thanks of the House be extended to the Hon. Murray Vandiver for his uniform kindness to the members of this body, and for the fairness of his decision upon all questions that have been submitted to him as Speaker of this House.

Which was read, and ordered spread upon the Journal.

The hour of 12, midnight, having arrived, the Speaker thereupon addressed the House, as follows :

GENTLEMEN:—The constitutional limit of the Session has been reached, and it is my duty, as your presiding officer, to put a stop to the further transaction of business and to declare the session of the House at an end.

But before making this formal announcement, I wish to say a few parting words.

I accepted the position of Speaker with a sincere mistrust of my ability to discharge its many duties as I felt that they should be discharged, but at the same time with the confident expectation that by considerate forbearance, cordial co-operation and constant courtesy, you would help me in my earnest efforts to preserve order, maintain the dignity of the House and expedite the work of legislation.

It is a genuine pleasure to feel and to be able publicly to declare that this expectation has been fully realized.

You have indeed steadily encouraged and sustained me and I thank you, one and all, most heartily for your unvarying kindness and indulgence.