STATE AND OTHER ITEMS.

Congress adjourns from December 20 to January 3.

Snow has fallen in different parts of the State recently.

Gov. Lewis, of Alabama, has recognized the Court House Legislature.

Garibaldi confesses with shame that Italy is going back to the Inquisition.

Mr. E. S. J. Hayes has been appointed Treasurer of Lexington county.

Robert A. Thompson has been appointed United States Commissioner for Oconee County.

A prosperous merchant has for his motto: "Early to bed early to rise; never get tight and advertise."

Anticosta Island, N. Y., has been destroyed, and the keeper, his wife and six children killed, by a hurricane.

The barn of Thos. P. Whisonant, near Yorkville, was burnt on the 5th inst, with a mule and horse. Loss $1,200

The Asheville, N. C., Pioneer records the death of Elias Chambers, a drunken man, by falling from his horse and drowning in a branch.

The Federal jury gave Hon. Josiah Turner, Jr., $5,000 damages in his suit against Kirk and Bergin for false imprisonment and bad treatment.

Vice President Colfax has concluded to accept the chief editorship of the New York Tribune, at a salary of twenty thousand dollars per annum.

Lieutenant Weston, of the 7th Cavalry, arrived at Yorkville, on Monday 9th inst., with about forty recruits, for the companies stationed at that place.

Trustworthy Washington advices state that there is no doubt that what is known as the iron-clad oath, as prescribed for public officers, will soon be abolished.

The absence of the United States Deputy Marshal from Laurens has caused the Herald to note the fact that no arrests have been reported for two weeks.

The down passenger train on the Greenville Road was thrown from the track last Friday, 13th inst., below Alston, and its arrival in Columbia was delayed several hours.

The corn, fodder and cotton of Capt. John Crockett, the proceeds of his year's labor, were recently destroyed by an incendiary fire, on his plantation two miles west of Lancaster village.

The horse disease must be prevailing to an alarming extent at Reevesville, on the South Carolina Rail Road, where buggies are used, drawn by negro men, to convey passengers to the depot.

In anticipation of the acceptance by his Honor Judge James L. Orr of the Russian Ministry, General Samuel McGowan is favorably spoken of as his successor as Judge of the 8th Circuit.

The Rev. J. I. Bonner, President of the Due West Female College, has been appointed by the Board of Trustees of Erskine College, to solicit subscriptions to the endowment of the last named institution.

The Savannah Advertiser announces the death of Rev. A. A. Porter, D. D., formerly the editor of the Southern Presbyterian. The death occurred at the residence of the deceased, in Austin, Texas, on the 8th instant.

L. C. Fontaine, of 609 Broadway, New York, is inviting greenhorns to buy bogus greenbacks, which they may send the cash for, but will not get. This information, like the circular, is "private and strictly confidential."

In a letter written by Mr. Greeley, just before his death, to the Hon. Mason Tappan, of New Hampshire, he says: "I have been so bitterly assailed that I hardly knew whether I was running for the Presidency or for the Penitentiary."

Thaddeus C. Andrews has been appointed Treasurer of Orangeburg County, and S. R. Carr Treasurer of Georgetown County; L. L. Langley Auditor Beaufort, W. H. Duncan Auditor Barnwell, and Dr. H. E. Heriot Auditor Georgetown County.

We regret to see the announcement in the Charleston News, of the death of Mrs. Virginia Fourgeaud Dawson, wife of F. W. Dawson, Esq., one of the proprietors and the chief editor of the News. Mrs. Dawson had been an invalid for a long while.

The Columbia Female College is to be reopened on the 1st January. The following is the faculty: President—B. S. Jones. Professors—M. E. B. Cannon, Wm. H. Orchard, Mrs. C. E. Leland, Miss Sallie Partridge, Mrs. Mary M. Watson, Mrs. Lizzie McConnel.

In Arlington County the old Clerk refuses to surrender his office, on the ground that his commission ensures the office to him for four years from its date, (June 1869,) which, according to his view, ends in June, 1873. The newly-elected Clerk, Mr. Jonathan Wright, will shortly commence proceedings to oust him.

Messrs. Kirkay & Scott, of Savannah, in their cotton circular, make a very careful estimate of the cotton crop of the present season. They reach the conclusion that the crop will amount to 3,182,798 bales. Messrs. Neil, Brothers & Co, of London, say that the world requires 3,750,000 American bales to make the "wheels work easily, and, with less, prices must advance in the course of the winter."

A TRIAL OF FIFTY YEARS.—The New York Observer has passed through the ordeal, starts out anew on the second fifty years with a larger list of readers and more numerous friends than ever. Such a steady course of prosperity is unexampled, and inspires confidence. We heartily rejoice in the great success of a paper which has always advocated those sound principles that underlie the foundations of society and good government. Orthodox in the truest sense, both in Church and State, its influence is always good. We see its publishers propose to give to every subscriber for 1873 an appropriately embellished *Jubilee Year-Book*. Those who subscribe will have no cause to regret the step. $3 a year. Sidney E. Morse & Co., 37 Park Row, New York.

GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.—On Wednesday, the Grand Lodge went into the election of grand officers for the insuing year, with the following results:

Robert S. Bruns, M. W. Grand Master.
J. B. Kershaw, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
Jas. A. Hoyt, R. W. Grand Senior Warden.
Jas. Cirnie, R. W. Grand Junior Warden.
Rev. A. Toomer Porter, R. W. Grand Chaplain.
H. W. Schroder, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
B. Ruth Campbell, R. W. Grand Secretary.
Geo. Elliott and W. H. D. Gaillard, Senior Deacons.
B. R. Centeus and M. L. West, Grand Stewards.
Zimmerman Davis, Grand Marshal.
L. Broadus, Grand Pursuivant.
W. A. Wilson, Grand Tyler.