

While we reserve the right of defining our own political position by means of our editorial columns, we will be pleased to publish contributions from our fellow-citizens upon the grave questions which now agitate the public mind, whether their opinions coincide with ours or not.

READING MATTER ON EVERY PAGE.

The Taxes.

A very general impression is abroad in the country, that the Legislature has levied a tax; and we have had numerous inquiries about it. The Legislature at the Special Session, passed an Act providing for the Assessment and Taxation of Property.

The taxes to be assessed in this way will be assessed by somebody in Columbia, and the amount to each taxpayer will be a percentage on what his property is worth.

The Charleston Mercury.

We regret to announce that the veteran journal has suspended publication. The experiment for a long series of years, of the political sentiments of the old State Rights Party of South Carolina, and in our darker days of late, a fearless advocate of the cause of our oppressed and down-trodden people, its utterances have always struck a responsive chord in the popular heart.

Important to Bankrupts.

The Charleston News of the 6th instant contains the following, which may be of interest to some of our readers:

Address to the Democratic Party of South Carolina.

FELLOW-CITIZENS—The State Central Club deem it proper to make the close of the late canvass the occasion of a brief address:

First, We desire most heartily to congratulate the party upon the general result of the canvass in this State. The South Carolina Democracy has proved itself an eminently progressive and growing party.

Secondly, We desire to express our sincere sympathy with the party in the heavy numerical defeat which it has so recently sustained.

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that entered into the Presidential canvass in 1864 gave to McClellan a popular vote of 1,811,784, and to Lincoln 2,223,035.

In the second place, we desire to impress upon the Democratic party in this State the importance of preserving, in all its efficiency, its present admirable organization.

Thirdly, The more effectually to keep up the Democratic clubs of the several districts, and in order further to recognize fully all the industrial elements that are essential to the prosperity of the State, we earnestly recommend that features looking to the subjects of immigration, agriculture, manufactures and education be congrated upon each club, so that an organized and systematic effort may be at once made to add to our population, to promote the industries of the State, and to advance the cause of popular intelligence.

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By order of the Central Club of the Democratic party of South Carolina.

WADE HAMPTON, President.

J. G. GIBBS, Secretary.

General Grant.

HIS VIEWS OF THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

A statement made by a gentleman in whom may be placed implicit reliance, and who enjoys excellent opportunities to enable him to speak intelligently on the subject, may give some indication of Gen. Grant's position in relation to the Republican party.

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I am. I now take occasion to bid you goodbye, as I leave here to-morrow for Washington, and shall probably see but few of you again for some years to come.

During his journey from Galena to Washington, Gen. Grant passed through a town where an enthusiastic procession of uniformed "Boys in Blue" greeted him, and to whom, according to the reports, he spoke as follows:

"Gentlemen: I see many of you in uniforms. You laid them off three years ago, and you can now lay them off again, and we will have peace. Good night."

The New York Journal of Commerce expresses the conviction that the Radical party is made up of material as inconspicuous now that it will be next to impossible for it to hold together for another four years.

"Gen. Grant is not a Radical, and we have the very highest authority for saying that it is his purpose to separate himself from the extremists, and to rally round him a strong body of the better class of citizens, who shall draw into their congenial allies from all quarters, and become, as they would deserve to be, the party of the country."

Theory and Practice.

A few days before the Municipal election the Rev. R. H. Cain published in the Missionary Record an article in which he urged the colored people not to make a local election a party contest, told them that respectable and intelligent men should direct the city government, and advised them, as they loved their wives and families, to support only those candidates who could re-establish the credit and increase the wealth of Charleston.

his own people have branded him as having deserted them, and, to use his own words, "for this the colored people have denounced him as a traitor and deceiver. Men, women and children have cursed him in the streets. For six days they have threatened to burn his house down and murder him in the streets. Such is the class of people for whom he has labored for four years. Such is the gratitude which the new born citizens of Charleston bestow upon those who have run dangers for their good."

There are none so tyrannical as those who have been oppressed; and it is evident that there are no opponents of freedom of speech more bitter and relentless than the freedmen who threaten their pastor with violence and death because his calm advice runs counter to their passions and inclinations.

Bank runners in New York have their wallets chained to their wrists.

The Boston Post calls Professor Watson, of the Michigan University, who discovers all the asteroids, a "planet-hogger."

The latest tyranny in Poland is a Russian edict against the wearing of moustaches.

The New York Sun urges Horace Greely for Minister to England.

A big negro, near Harrisburg, has been arrested for outraging a little girl, the orphan of a Federal soldier.

"Gold Brown" is said to be just now the favorite color in Paris.

Thaddeus Stevens and James Buchanan are buried in the same graveyard.

European physicians, it is said, have successfully used electricity to restore persons who have taken an overdose of laudanum or opium.

The Peaks of Otter, in the Blue Ridge of Virginia, are now on fire, and at night present a magnificent appearance.

A Western millionaire astonishes New Yorkers by driving a span of blacks tandem, with white leather harness.

HILBERS HOUSE. No. 284 King Street, (In the Bend), CHARLESTON, S. C.

H Y M E N E A L.

MARRIED—On the 16th of November, at the residence of the bride's mother, by Rev. Dr. Durham, Mr. JOHN W. PATTERSON to Miss HENRIETTA E. WOLFE. All of Orangeburg, S. C.

MARRIED—On the 11th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. A. K. Durham, Mr. R. H. RILEY to Mrs. H. E. COOPER. All of Orangeburg County.

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OBITUARY.

DIED—On the 1st of September, 1868, the angel of death visited a demile in this vicinity and captured for heaven, the most innocent little lamb the reader of this notice ever beheld.

For one of her age she was unrivaled for loveliness and intelligence.

It is a well known fact that death has no particular season for its captives, and at the same time imposes upon humanity the most sorrowful and grievous ordeal through which this life must pass.

NOTICE.—ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DAVID CARSON, deceased, will present them, and all persons indebted to the same will make payment to me within three months from this date.

AUCTION SALE OF Household and Kitchen Furniture.

By V. D. V. JAMISON & SON. We will sell at the residence of the Rev. A. F. Dickson, on Saturday the 28th November, 1868, a variety of Household and Kitchen Furniture.

FOR SALE. MY PLANTATION ON LYONS CREEK, one mile from Lewisville Depot, on the So. Ca. R. R., containing 666 ACRES OF LAND.

Seven hundred and forty odd acres of GOOD PLANTING and WOOD LAND, two hundred acres cleared and fenced, part of which is in the Incorporate Limits of the Town of Orangeburg, S. C.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES.

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Commissioner's Sales.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

ORANGEBURG DISTRICT.

John J. Inabnet et al. Bill for sale of Real Estate to Marshal Annet and Injunction.

In pursuance to an order of the Court of Equity made in the above stated case, I will sell before the Court House in Orangeburg District on Monday December 7th, 1868.

Lying and being in Orangeburg District, containing two hundred and sixty-four (264) acres more or less, and bounded by lands of the estate of A. D. Inabnet, estate of Huffman, Strickland and tract No. 2.

Lying and being in Orangeburg District, containing one hundred (100) acres more or less, and bounded by lands of the estate of Wm. Knotts, estate of Hoffman, and lands of John Hooker, estate of A. D. Inabnet and tract No. 1.

Lying and being on Big Bull Swamp in Orangeburg District, containing one hundred and thirty-two (32) acres more or less, and bounded by lands of Wm. Knotts, estate of Hoffman, and lands of Big Bull Swamp. This tract is sold at the risk of the purchaser, he having failed to comply with the terms of sale.

Terms—Cash, purchaser to pay for papers and stamps. Commissioner's Office, V. D. V. JAMISON, Orangeburg, C. H., November 6, 1868.

James W. Browning, et ux. Bill for foreclosure.

In pursuance of an order of the Court of Equity made in the above stated case, I will sell before the Court House in Orangeburg, on Monday, December 7th, 1868.

A tract of land in the village of Rockwell, in the District of Orangeburg, containing four (4) acres more or less, and bounded north by So. Ca. R. R. Avenue, east by New Street, south by another street, name unknown, and west by Main Street.

Terms—One-third cash, the balance on a credit of one year, secured by a bond bearing interest, at 7 per cent, payable on the 1st day of January, 1869. Purchaser to pay for papers and stamps. Commissioner's Office, V. D. V. JAMISON, Orangeburg, C. H., November 6, 1868.

In pursuance of an order of the Court of Equity made in the above stated case, I will sell before the Court House in Orangeburg on Monday, December 7th, 1868.

A tract of land situate in Orangeburg District, on the So. Ca. R. R., known as "Silton," containing four hundred and seventy-five (475) acres more or less, and bounded on the north by lands of A. S. Wannamaker, east by lands of the So. Ca. R. R., and Peter E. Cook, south by lands of Wm. C. L. Grambling, and west by lands of J. D. Wannamaker and Mrs. E. T. Glover.

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A tract of land situate in Orangeburg District, containing two hundred and fifty (250) acres more or less, and bounded on the north by lands of S. Hammett, east by lands of James A. Parler, south by lands of E. Myers, and on the west by lands of O. Shuler and James S. Sasser.

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In pursuance of an order of the Court of Equity made in the above stated case, I will sell before the Court House in Orangeburg on Monday, December 7th, 1868.

A tract of land situate in Orangeburg District, containing three hundred and forty-two (342) acres more or less, bounded by lands of James Bookhart, estate of Browning, A. Shoemaker and estate of Col. Richardson.

Terms—One-third cash, the balance on a credit of one year, purchaser giving bond bearing interest from day of sale, with a mortgage of the premises. Purchaser to pay for papers and stamps. Commissioner's Office, V. D. V. JAMISON, Orangeburg, C. H., November 6, 1868.

In the District Court of the United States.—October Term, 1868.—In the Matter of Irvin A. Till, Debtor, and Final Discharge in Bankruptcy.—Ordered, that a hearing be had on the 4th day of December, 1868, at Federal Court House in Columbia, S. C., and that all Creditors, &c., of said Bankrupt appear at said time and place, and show cause, if any they can, why the prayer of the Petitioner should not be granted.

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