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One Year Ago.

What stars have faded from our sky,
What hopes unfolded but to die,
What dreams so fondly pondered o'er,
Forever lost the hues they wore;
How like a death-knell, sad and slow,
Tolls through the soul "one year ago."

Where is the face we loved to greet,
The form that graced the fireside seat,
The gentle smile, the winning way,
That blessed our pathway day by day?
Where fled those accents soft and low,
That thrilled our hearts "one year ago?"

Ah, vacant is the fireside chair,
The smile that won no longer there;
From door and hall, from porch and lawn,
The echo of the voice is gone;
And we who linger only know
How much was lost "one year ago."

Beside her grave the marble white
Keeps silent guard by day and night!
Serenely she sleeps, no heeds the tread
Of footsteps o'er her lowly bed!
Her pulseless breast no more may know
The pangs of life "one year ago!"

But why repine? A few more years,
A few more broken sighs and tears,
And we, enlisted with the dead,
Shall follow where her steps have fled;
To that far world rejoicing go,
To which she passed "one year ago."

Prophecy about Christmas.

This year Christmas day fell on Monday,
Of which event an old song prognosticates:
If Christmas day on Monday be,
A great winter that year you'll see,
And full of winds both loud and shrill;
But in the summer, truth to tell,
Stern winds shall there be and strong,
Full of tempests and lasting long;
While battles they shall multiply,
And great plenty of beasts shall die;
He shall be found that stealthily aught,
Though thou be sick thou diest not.

The winter has seen a new fashion in ladies' dress in Paris. It consists in having the great coats which, in imitation of the men, are now worn, fabricated partly of one color, partly of another—the body, for example, being black, and the sleeves blue. At first view, the contrast of colors in one garment seems strange, but improves on being looked at, and the fashion, consequently, will probably become general.

A woman was found in the streets of New York hand-cuffed; she was taken to the station house, and her husband sent for. The husband appeared and stated that he kept the hand-cuffs because his wife was an "ungovernable creature," and having had a little disagreement in the morning, he had put them on her. The wife was released from the station and the cuffs.

The President has relieved Governor Sharkey from the Provisional Government of Mississippi, and has recognized Governor Humphreys as the head of affairs in that State.

The Washington correspondent of the Herald reports that Lieut. Gen. Grant will leave for the Rio Grande immediately after the holidays, in the flag-ship of the Gulf Squadron.

The main portion of the old frigate Merrimac, with her propeller, weighing ten tons, and thirty tons of composition, have been raised by D. A. Underdoren & Co., and taken to the Portsmouth Navy Yard.

Five men were suffocated at the Bremen House, Chicago, on Saturday night, by the gas escaping in the room where they were sleeping.

Brig. Gen. Trapier, of the late Confederate army, was found dead, in his bed, in Georgetown, S. C., a few days ago.

City Fire Department.

A REGULAR MEETING of the City Fire Department will be held, at the usual place, TOMORROW (Monday) EVENING, at 7 o'clock. A punctual attendance is solicited, as officers for the ensuing term are to be elected. Members in arrear will take notice and come forward prepared to pay up or be ———. C. F. HARRISON, Secretary.

Our brethren from our sister city have remembered us in our poverty and sent us something acceptable.

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ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE MILITIA.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

I. The Governor shall be the Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy of the State, and of its Militia, except when called into the actual service of the United States.

II. In addition to his Staff, prescribed by law, he may appoint and commission ten Aids-de-Camp, to rank as Lieutenant-Colonels, and to be removable at pleasure.

III. He may assemble the Militia, or any portion thereof, at such place of rendezvous as he may deem fit.

IV. He and his suite, with their servants, horses and carriages, when travelling on official business, shall be exempt from the payment of toll at all chartered bridges, ferries and turnpike roads of the State.

V. The State of South Carolina shall be organized into five military divisions, ten brigades, and forty-six regiments of infantry. Each division shall consist of two brigades of infantry (besides cavalry). The first division shall consist of the Judicial Districts of Greenville, Pickens, Anderson, Abbeville and Edgefield; and the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, and forty-second regiments of infantry, shall constitute the first brigade of infantry; and the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth regiments of infantry, the second brigade. The second division shall consist of the Judicial Districts of Barnwell, Lexington, (except the Dutch Fork, between the Broad and Saluda Rivers,) Orangeburg, Colleton, Charleston and Beaufort; and the eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth, and forty-third regiments of infantry, shall constitute the third brigade; and the sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth regiments of infantry, the regiment of rifles, and the first regiment of artillery, the fourth brigade. The third division shall consist of the Judicial Districts of Sumter, Clarendon, Richland, Kershaw, Lancaster, Fairfield and Chester; and the twentieth, twenty-first, twenty-second, twenty-third and forty-fourth regiments of infantry, shall constitute the fifth brigade; and the twenty-fourth, twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh regiments of infantry, the sixth brigade. The fourth division shall consist of the Judicial Districts of Chesterfield, Darlington, Marlborough, Marion, Williamsburg, Horry and Georgetown; and the twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth and thirtieth regiments of infantry, shall constitute the seventh brigade; and the thirty-first, thirty-second and thirty-third regiments of infantry, the eighth brigade. The fifth division shall consist of the Judicial Districts of York, Union, Spartanburg, Laurens, Newberry, and that part of Lexington known as the Dutch Fork, between Broad and Saluda Rivers; and the thirty-fourth, thirty-fifth, thirty-sixth, thirty-seventh and forty-sixth regiments of infantry, shall constitute the ninth brigade; and the thirty-eighth, thirty-ninth, fortieth, forty-first and forty-fifth regiments of infantry, the tenth brigade.

VI. The boundaries, numbers and rank of the beats, battalions and regiments shall remain as at present established.

VII. The divisions, brigades and regiments shall take rank according to their numbers, viz: The lowest in number shall be highest in rank; and officers of the division, brigade or regiment, lowest in number, shall take rank of others of similar grade and date of commission, of a division, brigade or regiment higher in number; and officers of equal grade and date of commission in the same regiments, shall determine their rank in the regiment by lot, in the presence of the officer commanding it.

VIII. The Brigadier-General, to whom representations shall be made of gross inequality or manifest inconvenience of boundary, between any two or more adjoining beats, battalions or regiments, in his brigade, shall appoint a board of commissioners, consisting of not less than five persons from each of the beats, battalions or regiments liable to be effected by the decision, whose duty it shall be to examine fully the complaints or representations so made, and to make a decision, either in favor of the existing, or such new boundaries, as to them shall seem proper, which, when approved and announced in orders by the Brigadier-General, shall be conclusive.

IX. Each regiment, battalion and company shall have a place of rendezvous, and no regiment rendezvous shall be changed, except by the concurrence of all the field officers of the regiment. No battalion rendezvous shall be changed, except by the concurrence of the Lieutenant-Colonel or Major, and all the Captains commanding companies of such battalion, with the approval of the Colonel commanding the regiment to which such battalion belongs; and no company rendezvous shall be changed, except by the concurrence of at least three-fourths of all the persons in such company liable to perform ordinary Militia duty, and with the approval of the Lieutenant-Colonel or Major commanding the battalion to which such company belongs; but nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the Commander-in-Chief, or Major-General, or Brigadier-General, from assembling any portion of the Militia at such place as either of them may deem proper.

X. There shall be to the Militia of this State one Adjutant and Inspector-General, with the rank of Brigadier-General. He shall be elected by joint ballot of both branches of the Legislature, to continue in office for four years from the date of his commission. He shall be perpetually re-eligible, and shall take rank from the date of his first commission, so long as he continues to be consecutively elected. There shall be one Quartermaster-General, with the rank of Colonel; one Judge-Advocate-General, one Commissary-General of Purchases, one Commissary-General of Issues, and one Physician and Surgeon-General, with the ranks respectively of Lieutenant-Colonel; and one Apothecary-General, with the rank of Major; who shall be appointed and commissioned by the Commander-in-Chief. The above officers, with the Aids, shall constitute the staff of the Commander-in-Chief.

XI. There shall be to each division one Major-General, with the following staff, viz: One Division Adjutant and Inspector-General, with the rank of Colonel; one Division Quartermaster-General, and three Aids-de-Camp, with the ranks of Major respectively; who shall be appointed by and receive their commissions from the Major-General, subject (except his Aids-de-Camp,) to the approval of the Governor.

XII. There shall be to each brigade one Brigadier-General, with the following staff, viz: One Brigade Adjutant and Inspector-General, with the rank of Major; one Brigade Quartermaster-General, and two Aids-de-Camp, with the rank of Captain respectively; and one Brigade Chaplain; who shall be appointed by, and those entitled to receive commissions, shall receive them from, the Brigadier-General, subject (except his Aids-de-Camp,) to the approval of the Major-General.

XIII. There shall be to each regiment one Colonel, one Lieutenant-Colonel, one Major, and the following staff, viz: One Adjutant, one

Quartermaster, and one Assistant Surgeon, each with the rank of First Lieutenant; one Surgeon, with the rank of Captain; one Sergeant-Major, one Quartermaster-Sergeant, one Chaplain, and two Chief Musicians; the regimental staff shall be appointed by, and those entitled to commissions, shall receive them from, the Colonel of the regiment; the commissioned staff subject to the approval of the Brigadier-General.

XIV. There shall be to each company one Captain, one First Lieutenant, two Second Lieutenants, five Sergeants, six Corporals, two Musicians, and one Clerk; the non-commissioned officers, Musicians and Clerk, shall be appointed by the Captain or commander of the company.

XV. All officers entitled to military rank shall be commissioned and (except the Adjutant and Inspector-Generals and the Aids-de-Camp of the Commander-in-Chief, of the Major-Generals, and of the Brigadier-Generals,) shall hold their offices during pleasure; and no officer shall be deprived of his commission except by Act of General Assembly, or by sentence of a court-martial. The Aids-de-Camp above-mentioned, and all other persons attached to the division, brigade or regimental staff, not entitled to military rank, shall be removable from office at the pleasure of the officer making the appointment; and their appointments shall terminate whenever the commission of the officer making the appointment shall be vacated.

XVI. No officer of the Quartermaster-General's or Physician and Surgeon-General's department shall be entitled to or shall exercise any military command in the line; but such officers may be appointed on boards, councils and courts-martial, and shall take their seats at the same according to the rank assigned them by this Act, and shall discharge the duties of such appointment.

XVII. Every commissioned officer shall, before he enters upon the duties of his office, and within sixty days after his election or appointment, take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation, to wit: "I do swear (or affirm,) that I am duly qualified, according to the Constitution of this State, to exercise the office to which I have been appointed; and that I will, to the best of my ability, discharge the duties thereof, and preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of this State, and that of the United States. So help me God." And any officer who shall neglect or refuse to take it within the time prescribed shall forfeit his commission, and shall be considered as having refused to accept such office, and shall be liable to the penalties for such refusal to accept.

XVIII. Every officer authorized to issue a commission to any person elected or appointed to any office in the Militia, is hereby authorized to administer the oath of office to such person, and shall, before delivering a commission to any person, either administer the oath to such person, or shall receive from such person the oath duly sworn to and subscribed before some person authorized to administer an oath; and, in either case, shall endorse and certify the same upon such commission.

XIX. A Major-General shall be elected by the commissioned officers of the division, including the division staff in which the vacancy shall occur. No person shall be eligible to the office of Major-General unless he shall, at the time of his election, reside in the division, and hold a commission with the rank of or above a Major, and shall have held a commission of or above the rank of Captain for at least twelve months next preceding the election. When any vacancy shall take place in the office of Major-General, the Commander-in-Chief, for the time being, shall issue his orders to the several Brigadier-Generals, or officers commanding brigades in the division in which such vacancy shall happen, requiring them to order each Colonel or officer commanding a regiment, in their respective brigades, to hold an election in their respective regiments for a Major-General, to fill such vacancy; and the Colonels or officers commanding regiments as aforesaid, shall post up a notice of the time and place of such election, at least fifty days before the day of election, at three public places within the limits of their respective regiments, and on the day of election shall order to their assistance the two commandants of battalions, or any two commissioned officers of their respective regiments, at the place appointed, and hold a poll from eleven o'clock A. M. to three o'clock P. M., count the votes, and forthwith transmit to their respective Brigadier-Generals, or officers commanding brigades, a statement, in writing, showing the result of said poll, certified by them and their respective assistants; and the Brigadier-Generals, or officers commanding brigades, shall immediately transmit to the Adjutant-General's office, at Columbia, a certified statement, in writing, showing the result of the polls in their respective brigades; and the Commander-in-Chief shall pronounce the person having the greatest number of votes (if there be no contest) duly elected, and shall commission him accordingly. When the election of Major-General is contested, the same shall be tried by a board of officers appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, to consist of one Major-General, one Brigadier-General, and three field officers, from whose decision there may be an appeal to the Commander-in-Chief, and his decision shall be final and conclusive, and he shall order another election, or shall commission the person duly elected, agreeably to the decision and approval aforesaid.

XX. It shall be the duty of each Major-General to superintend and preserve the military organization of his division, and enforce strictly within the same the Militia and Patrol Laws of this State; he shall, from time to time, make such reports and returns of his division as may be required of him by the Commander-in-Chief; he shall attend a review and drill of each regiment of his division at least once in two years, and shall be responsible for the correct instruction and good order of his division; he shall order and be responsible for the due execution of such inspections as may be required by law, and shall obey and execute all orders from the Commander-in-Chief.

XXI. A Brigadier-General shall be elected by the commissioned officers of the brigade and division staff officers residing in the brigade in which the vacancy shall occur. No person shall be eligible to the office of Brigadier-General unless he shall, at the time of his election, reside in the brigade, and have held a commission of or above the rank of Captain for at least twelve months next preceding the election. When any vacancy shall take place in the office of Brigadier-General, the Major-General, or officer commanding the division in which such vacancy shall happen, shall forthwith issue his orders to the Colonels or officers commanding the regiments of the said brigade, to hold, in their respective regiments, an election for a Brigadier-General to fill such vacancy; and the Colonels, or officers commanding regiments, shall post up a notice of the time and place of such election, at least forty days before the day of election, at three public places within the limits of their respective regiments, and on the day and at the place of election shall order to their assistance the commandants of battalions, or any two commissioned officers of their respective regiments, and hold a poll, from eleven o'clock A. M. to three o'clock P. M., count the votes, and forthwith transmit to the Major-General, or officer commanding the division, a statement, in writing, showing the result of said poll, certified by them and their assistants; and the Major-General, or officer commanding the division, shall pronounce