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BY JULIAN A. SELBY.

COLUMBIA, S. C., FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 12, 1874.

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To Rent
A SMALL HOUSE with three rooms, on Bull street. Rent \$10 per month. Apply to
HANNAN.
June 10

P. B. GLASS, Accountant.
WILL attend to Opening, Closing or Keeping Sets of BOOKS OF ACCOUNTS for Merchants, Bankers, Mechanics, Professional Men or others, and to any business pertaining to the Counting Room. COPYING or WRITING of any description executed promptly. Office at Columbia Hotel, first floor. June 9

Apple Jack.
A LOT of pure mountain APPLE BRANDY, two and three years old. A genuine article.
May 31 **JOHN C. SEEVERS.**

Executive Committee Meeting.
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the State Agricultural and Mechanical Society will meet in Columbia, on TUESDAY, the 16th JUNE, at 8 o'clock P. M. A full attendance is respectfully requested, as matters of vital importance to the Society will be submitted for their action. By order of
T. W. WOODWARD, President.
D. WYATT AIKEN, Sec'y June 6

Breakfast Bacon,
BUFFALO TONGUES, MESS MACKEREL, LEAF LARD, PIGS' FEET, for sale low by
HOPE & GYLES.

Straw Hats.
GO to D. EPSTIN'S, under Columbia Hotel, for cheap and stylish STRAW HATS.
May 30

Summer Wines.
A FINE lot of OLIVET and SANTERNE WINES, for sale by the bottle or gallon. by
HOPE & GYLES.

Summer Clothing.
GO to D. EPSTIN'S, under Columbia Hotel, for Men's and Boy's Spring and Summer CLOTHING.
May 30

CASH.
AFTER TO-DAY, we will sell goods for CASH ONLY.
COPELAND & BEARDEN.
COLUMBIA, S. C., April 29, 1874. 3mo

Furnishing Goods.
D. EPSTIN has the largest, handsomest and cheapest stock of CLOTHING, HATS and FURNISHING GOODS in the city.
May 30
NILES G. PARKER. EDGAR CAYLES.

PARKER & CAYLESS,
Attorneys and Counsellors at Law,
ROOM 1 Parker's Block, Main street, Columbia, S. C. May 10

The Expense of Heaven.
A SERIES OF ESSAYS on the Wonders of the Firmament. By Proctor. \$2. Personal Reminiscences of Wellington, Colindale, &c. \$1.50.
Our Fred. By author of Old Fashioned Boy. \$1.50.
Washington's Homes. \$1.25.
Waldfeld's Novel, by Auerbach, author of Villa on Rhine. \$2.
Justin Harley. By John Estlin Cook. \$1.75.
Chesney's Military Biography of Lee, Grant, &c. \$2.50.
And a variety of new London Novels and other new books. For sale at
June 9 **BRYAN'S Bookstore.**

Notice.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, SPARTANBURG & UNION R. R. CO., on and after June 1, 1874, Trains on the Spartanburg and Union Railroad will run, making close connection with the Greenville and Columbia and Atlanta and Richmond Air-Line Railroads, doing away with the delay at Aiken.
The Spartanburg and Union Railroad is completely equipped for this business; Road being in fine condition, makes good time and sure connections.
Passengers traveling this route will have every attention.
W. W. DAVIES,
May 27 2mo Superintendent.

Fresh Biscuits.
20 BOXES Cream, Soda, Milk, Lemon, Cracknels, Butter, Fats, and Ginger Snaps, for sale by
HOPE & GYLES.

Bargains in Suits.
FOR bargains in Business and Dress SUITS, go to D. EPSTIN'S, under Columbia Hotel.
May 30

Shirts, &c.
GO to D. EPSTIN'S, for SHIRTS and FURNISHING GOODS.
May 30

Save Your Chickens from Cholera.
A CURE at hand; call on DR. HEINITSH. It cures Chicken Cholera and Hog Cholera. For sale at his Drug Store.
April 22

GOVERNOR MOSES
BEING the highest executive officer in the State, it is the duty of the people to see that the "CELEBRATED FIVE CENT CIGARS" has not been extended to obtain pardon and escape death. The "INDIAN GIRL CIGAR STORE" being the leading house in the State, in the line of CIGARS and TOBACCO, is the place where smokers must resort to obtain the best articles for the least money, and escape the extravagant prices usually charged by dealers. As the news that a President of the United States had been

ASSASSINATED
Caused great excitement among the people, so the sale of the "CELEBRATED FIVE CENT CIGARS" has extended to obtain pardon and escape death. The "INDIAN GIRL CIGAR STORE" being the leading house in the State, in the line of CIGARS and TOBACCO, is the place where smokers must resort to obtain the best articles for the least money, and escape the extravagant prices usually charged by dealers. As the news that a President of the United States had been

AT ORANGEBURG.
Remember, this Cigar is sold under a copy-righted brand, and can only be obtained of
PERRY & STAWSON
Indian Girl Cigar Store, Columbia Hotel Block, Columbia, S. C. May 30

Hay! Hay! Hay!!!
THE SOUTHERN WAREHOUSE COMPANY has always on hand the largest stock of HAY in Columbia, comprising both Eastern and Western, which will be delivered anywhere in the city, free of charge for drayage, and at the very lowest rates.
Our facilities for purchasing and handling are such as to enable us to compete successfully with any other house, and parties in need will do well to give us a call before purchasing elsewhere, for we cannot be undersold.
Particular attention is called to our stock of Eastern HAY, which is the best in the market.
May 6 3mo

Governmental Directory.
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, President—Ulysses S. Grant, of Illinois; Vice-President—Henry Wilson, of Massachusetts; Secretary of State—Hamilton Fish, of New York; Secretary of the Treasury—W. R. Richardson, of Massachusetts; Secretary of War—W. W. Belknap, of Iowa; Secretary of the Navy—G. M. Robeson, of New Jersey; Secretary of the Interior—C. Dolano, of Ohio; Postmaster-General—John A. J. Creswell, of Maryland; Attorney-General—George H. Williams, of Oregon. President of the Senate—Henry Wilson, Vice-President, *ex officio*; Secretary—George C. Gorham, of California. Speaker of the House of Representatives—James G. Blaine, of Maine; Clerk—Edward McPherson, of Pennsylvania. Congress meets annually the first Monday in December. The present Congress (the 43d) terminates March 3, 1875.

THE SUPREME COURT.—Chief Justice—Morrison R. Waite, of Ohio; Associate Justices—Ward Hunt, of New York; Nathan Clifford, of Maine; Noah H. Swayne, of Ohio; Samuel F. Miller, of Iowa; David Davis, of Illinois; Stephen J. Field, of California; Wm. M. Strong, of Pennsylvania; Jos. P. Bradley, of New Jersey. The Supreme Court holds one session annually, in Washington, beginning on the first Monday in October.

UNITED STATES COURTS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.—Circuit Judge—Hugh L. Bond; Circuit Clerk—James E. Hagood; District Judge—George S. Bryan; District Attorney—David T. Corbin; Clerk—Daniel Horbeck; Marshal—R. M. Wallace. Terms for holding United States Circuit Court—First Monday in April, at Charleston; fourth Monday in November, at Columbia. United States District Court—First Monday in January, May, July and October, in Charleston, for Eastern District; first Monday in August, at Greenville, for Western District. [The Court held at Greenville exercises Circuit Court powers.]

GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA.—Governor—Franklin J. Moses, Jr.; Private Secretary—C. J. Houston. Lieutenant-Governor—Richard H. Gleaves. Secretary of State—Henry E. Hayne; Chief Clerk—H. B. Johnston. Comptroller-General—Solomon L. Hoge; Chief Clerk—J. L. Little. Auditor's Clerk—J. S. Fillebrown. Treasurer—Francis L. Cardozo; Chief Clerk—F. McKinney; Book-keeper—T. L. Minton. Attorney-General—Samuel W. Melton; Chief Clerk—Harry Noah. Adjutant and Inspector-General—Henry W. Purvis. Superintendent of Education—J. K. Jilison; Chief Clerk—H. Jilison. Superintendent of Penitentiary—John B. Dennis. Superintendent of Lunatic Asylum—Dr. J. F. Ensor; Assistant Superintendent—Dr. Thompson.

LEGISLATURE.—The Legislature meets annually on the 4th Tuesday in November. President *pro tem* of the Senate—Hon. S. A. Swails; Clerk—J. Woodruff, Charleston; Reading Clerk—R. A. Sisson, Barnwell. Speaker of the House of Representatives—Hon. Samuel J. Lee, of Aiken; Clerk—A. O. Jones, Charleston; Assistant Clerk—W. J. Etter, Columbia; Reading Clerk—W. A. Hayne, Marion.

SUPREME COURT, SOUTH CAROLINA.—Chief Justice—F. J. Moses, Sumter; Associate Justices—J. J. Wright, Summerville; A. J. Willard, Columbia; Clerk—A. M. Boozer, Lexington; Reporter—J. S. G. Richardson, Sumter.

CIRCUIT COURTS.—First Circuit—Counties of Charleston and Orangeburg. Second—Aiken, Barnwell, Colleton and Beaufort. Third—Sumter, Clarendon, Williamsburg and Georgetown. Fourth—Chesterfield, Marlboro, Darlington, Marion and Horry. Fifth—Kershaw, Richland, Edgefield and Lexington. Sixth—Chester, Lancaster, York and Fairfield. Seventh—Newberry, Laurens, Spartanburg and Union. Eighth—Greenville, Anderson, Oconee, Pickens and Abbeville.

Solicitors.—First—C. W. Buttz, Charleston. Second—P. L. Wiggin, Beaufort. Third—Samuel T. Atkinson, Georgetown. Fourth—D. D. McKillop, Bennettsville. Fifth—J. H. Runkle, Columbia. Sixth—W. H. Brawley, Chester. Seventh—W. M. Fleming, Spartanburg. Eighth—Ab Blythe, Greenville.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT, RICHLAND.—Commissioners—E. M. Weston, W. E. Hayne, U. Portee. Clerk of Board—D. B. Miller. Sheriff—J. E. Dent. Judge of Probate—S. D. Swygert. Clerk of Court—D. B. Miller. School Commissioner—D. Salmond. County Treasurer—J. L. Neagle. County Auditor—A. L. Solomon. Jury Commissioner—John B. Dennis. Coroner—I. H. Coleman. Senator—W. B. Nash. Representatives—S. B. Thompson, Andrew Curtis, J. F. Gilmore, Charles Minort. Trial Justices—W. B. Nash, S. B. Thompson, S. E. Stratton, Trezevant Sill, Geo. A. Richmond and I. H. Coleman.

UNITED STATES OFFICERS.—Post-

master—C. M. Wilder. Deputy—John S. Leapheart. Commissioners—A. M. Boozer and T. M. Wilkes. Collector Internal Revenue—C. L. Anderson. Gauger—C. A. Darling.

CITY GOVERNMENT.—Mayor—John Alexander. Clerk and Treasurer—Walter R. Jones. Aldermen—First Ward—Augustus Cooper, S. P. Davis, B. F. Griffin. Second—C. J. Carroll, John A. Pugh, W. A. Carr. Third—Adam Thomas, S. D. Swygert, H. W. Purvis. Fourth—L. L. Brown, D. Wells, Wm. Simons. The committee are: Ways and Means—Aldermen Cooper, Griffin and Carroll. Accounts—Aldermen Carroll, Carr and Swygert. Streets—Aldermen Pugh, Thomas and Wells. Market and City Scales—Aldermen Carr, Brown and Cooper. Guard House—Aldermen Simons, Davis and Pugh. Water Works—Aldermen Thomas, Cooper and Griffin. Alms House—Aldermen Swygert, Simons and Davis. City Schools—Aldermen Purvis, Swygert and Simons. Sydney Park—Aldermen Davis, Carroll and Thomas. Licenses—Aldermen Griffin, Pugh and Brown. City Clock—Aldermen Brown, Wells and Purvis. Fire Department—Aldermen Wells, Purvis and Carr. City Lamps—Aldermen Carr, Brown and Davis. New City Hall and Public Buildings—Aldermen Griffin, Simons and Carr. City Attorney—J. D. Tradewell. City Physician—A. S. Hydrick. Clerk of Market—J. H. Pickett. Commissioner of Poor—Charles Scheltze. Overseer of Streets—J. Trice. Chief of Police—M. F. Nixon. Sergeants of Police—E. Williams, J. Blizard.

LIBRARY AGENCY FOR THE PURCHASE OF BOOKS.—Mr. P. B. Glass, of this city, who is possessed of ample facilities and experience, makes it an important part of his business to fill orders for books of all kinds for public or private libraries or for individuals. Orders for American and foreign books of every description, whether for whole libraries or single books, will be promptly and carefully filled at the lowest publishers' prices; and works not published in this country will be imported from abroad. Any information as to the price of books, styles of binding, number of volumes in sets, &c., will be promptly given to correspondents. Copies of new books can be sent immediately on publication. He will also arrange for subscriptions to any home or foreign magazine. All orders should be accompanied by the money, and will then be sent free of expense to the purchaser, or they can be sent by express C. O. D. Cash remittances should be made either by draft or P. O. money order, or in a registered letter.

NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING.—Newspaper advertising is now recognized by business men having faith in their own wares, as the most effective means for securing for their goods a wide recognition of their merits.

Newspaper advertising impels inquiry, and when the article offered is of good quality and at a fair price the natural result is increased sales.

Newspaper advertising is a permanent addition to the reputation of the goods advertised, because it is a permanent influence at work in their interest.

Newspaper advertising is the most energetic and vigilant of salesmen; addressing thousands each day, always in the advertiser's interest, and ceaselessly at work seeking customers from all classes.

Newspaper advertising promotes trade, for even in the dulllest times advertisers secure the largest share of what is being done.

HINTS TO LETTER-WRITERS.—The postmaster at New York has issued a circular which contains many valuable hints to letter-writers. Considering the fact that there are always two parties to a correspondence, these hints will be useful to persons in the city and out of it. The substance of the rules are, therefore, given for the benefit of all concerned. They are as follows:

- All mail matter directed to numbered boxes will be delivered through those boxes.
- Letters directed to city addresses, street and number, will, if recognized by the assorting clerks as intended for box-holders, be delivered through the boxes. If not so recognized, they will be delivered through the carriers.
- Mail matter addressed without box number or street number, will be delivered as expeditiously as possible, either through boxes, general delivery or carrier.

Correspondents should direct their letters plainly, correctly and fully, and those who rent boxes would greatly facilitate the business if they will print conspicuously on their letter headings, circulars, bill-heads, cards and envelopes a request to correspondents to address letters to their respective box numbers, and if those who receive mail matter by carriers would direct their correspondents to include in all cases the proper streets and numbers in the addresses of all letters.

Now is the TIME—to advertise, at our summer rates, and while there is leisure to read the papers.

Excursion Season of 1874 via Atlantic Coast and Midland Lines.
CHARLOTTE, COLUMBIA AND AUGUSTA RAILROAD, AND WILMINGTON, COLUMBIA AND AUGUSTA RAILROAD.

ROUND TRIP TICKETS to all prominent Virginia Springs and Western North Carolina Excursion Points, good until November 1, 1874, will be on sale at the Company's Ticket Office in this city, both of Charleston and at Wilmington, on and after June 1, 1874.

Tickets to New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, via BAY LINE, at reduced rates, also on sale.

A. POPE,
General Passenger Agent.

MOTHER DARLING'S Infant Cordial,
SOOTHING FOR CHILDREN TEETHING.

A wonderful medicine, for children of all ages and condition; it improves their health and regulates the bowels. Mothers may have full confidence in this preparation, as being the very best medicine for softening the Gums, and rendering the process of dentition easy. For delicate children, with impaired digestion and weak stomachs, it will be found a valuable aid in promoting digestion, correcting acidity, and improving the growth of the child. Its superiority has been simply tested by the experience of Mothers and Nurses, and we are confident will be found by all who use it to be just the safest and best INFANT CORDIAL ever offered to the people.

For Teething, Inflammation of the Gums, Swarms, Fills, Belly-ache, Wind on the Stomach, Griping Pains, Sour Stomach, Looseness, Bowel Complaint, Wind Colic, Cholera Morbus, Vomiting, Fret, Nervous Restlessness, and all complaints incident to children. No Mother, Nurse or Friend should be without it.

For sale by
E. H. HEINITSH,
At his Drug and Chemical Store,
May 29

Official Order, No. 1.
I WANT all Smokers to know that there are still plenty more of the celebrated 5 cent FARTAGAS on hand. I guarantee that they contain more and a better quality of Tobacco than any other 5 cent Cigar sold in this city.

Special Order, No. 2.
All Smokers of Fressed Cigars will please take notice that they can get a bunch containing 25 Cigars for \$1, and all other popular brands at equally low prices, at the
CALIFORNIA CIGAR STORE,
(Sign of the Indian Chief),
34 Door Below Wheeler House.
June 6

NO FAMILY
SHOULD, at this season, be without a bottle of HEINITSH'S ROSE CORDIAL. It cures all disorders of the Bowels, Stomach and Summer Complaints.

AT THIS SEASON
No family should be without a box of HEINITSH'S GREAT BLOOD AND LIVER PILLS. Cures all diseases of the Liver, Headache and Constipation.

SHOULD BE WITHOUT
A bottle of MOTHER DARLING'S INFANT CORDIAL, for Children Teething, Restlessness, Bad Bowels. For sale at Heinitsh's Drug Store.

HEINITSH'S MEDICINES
Are, without exception, the best remedies ever offered to the people, and at a price within the reach of all.
May 28

Circular.
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE STATE TREASURER,
COLUMBIA, S. C., May 20, 1874.

The Treasurer of the State is now prepared to fund, at the Treasury, in Columbia, S. C., the Bonds and Stocks of the State authorized by the Legislature under the Funding Act, approved December 22, 1873, into the Consolidation Bonds and Stocks. The following classes of Bonds and Stocks are authorized to be funded:

- STOCKS.**
Revolutionary War Claims. Charleston Fire Loan. Construction State Capitol. Funding Past Due Interest and Principal. Conversion State Securities.
- BONDS.**
Charleston Fire Loan. Construction State Capitol. Aid to Blue Ridge Railroad. Funding Past Due Interest and Principal. Redemption Bids Receivable. Payment Interest Public Debt. Funding Bills Bank of State. Relief of Treasury. Land Commission.
- The following bonds, issued under Act of March 23, 1869, entitled "An Act for the Conversion of State Securities," are also authorized to be funded into "Consolidation Bonds," they having been duly exchanged and represented by bonds on file:
- DENOMINATION \$1,000, NUMBERED IN RED. Numbers 1 to 519, inclusive. Numbers 521 to 1,130, inclusive. Numbers 2,451 to 2,473, inclusive.
- DENOMINATION \$1,000, NUMBERED IN BLUE. Numbers 3,271 to 3,496, inclusive. Number 3,498.
- DENOMINATION \$500, NUMBERED IN RED. Numbers 1 to 237, inclusive. Numbers 1,001 to 1,270.
- DENOMINATION \$100, NUMBERED IN RED. Numbers 1 to 230, inclusive.
- The Legislature has declared that the remainder of the "Conversion Bonds and Stocks" bear interest from January 1, 1874. The interest due July 1, 1874, will be paid at the Treasury in Columbia, S. C., and the National Park Bank, New York.
- Parties desiring to make exchange must effect them in person or by agent.
- Parties who desire copies of the Funding Act can obtain them by applying at the Treasury.
- F. L. GARDOZO,
May 26 25 Treasurer South Carolina.

HOPE & GYLES
ARE just in receipt of:
PICKLED BEEF TONGUES,
PICKLED TRIPE,
PICKLED PIG'S FEET,
PICKLED FULTON MARKET BEEF,
Also, one barrel extra SAUVIGNON.

COUNCIL CHAMBER.
COLUMBIA, S. C., June 9, 1874.

Council met at 8:30 o'clock P. M. Present—His Honor the Mayor, John Alexander, and Aldermen Brown, Carr, Carroll, Cooper, Lewis, Griffin, Pugh, Simons, Thomas and Wells. Absent—Aldermen Purvis and Swygert.

The minutes of previous meetings were read and approved.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.
Petition of Congaree Fire Engine Company for location of lot belonging to the city at the corner of Richland and Lumberstreets, for the purpose of erecting an engine house thereon, was read, and, on motion of Alderman Simons, the prayer of the petitioner was granted.

Petition of B. F. Jackson, stating that, under contract with the Committee on Alms House of the late Council, he had prepared plans for new Alms House and Hospital, and had not been paid for his labor, and asking that his claim be taken in part payment of his taxes, was referred to the Committee on Alms House to ascertain the facts.

Petition of J. S. Boatwright, contractor of new Alms House and Hospital, asking for weekly payments on contract, was received as information.

Communication of South Carolina Bank and Trust Company, asking for a city note in payment of city money held by the bank, was deferred until next regular meeting.

Communication of J. H. Grainger, agent of American Lighting Rod Company, proposing to put up lightning rods on new City Hall and giving estimate of cost of the same, was referred to the Committee on New City Hall.

Communication from Dr. E. B. Turnpseed, declining the position as a member of the Board of Health, was read, and, on motion of Alderman Pugh, the resignation was accepted, and the letter ordered published, which is as follows:

COLUMBIA, S. C., June 1, 1874.
Mr. Walter R. Jones, City Clerk and Treasurer:
Sir—Your letter of the 30th ult., notifying me of my election, by unanimous vote of the City Council, to represent Ward 2 on the Board of Health for the ensuing year, was received a day or two ago, and, if I know myself, I am grateful to any representatives of this unfortunate city who should confer upon me a position which is intended in good faith to benefit the public at large; and if, in the pursuit of the discharge of which duties for the purposes related, I could, with safety, rely upon the proper aid even in executing my suggestions, I should feel reluctant in withholding my humble services; but, as you are ill-divided in the organization of your Board of Health (a Board of Health should be composed only of those who understand "medical hygiene" in all its bearings, and then should know that when their suggestions were fully appreciated they would be promptly executed), I cannot see that my services would benefit any portion of the population, and, therefore, must beg to be excused from being a party to the effort of attempting that which can only culminate in utter failure. I have thus far explained myself because of the too common blunder of some, both North and South, to stigmatize those who entertain my views of non-concurrence in the "unholy enactments" of the powers that be.

If it should be desirable to the authorities to better explain myself, I can do so.

Very respectfully,
E. B. TURNPSEED.

The following communication from M. E. Carr was received as information:

COLUMBIA, S. C., June 9, 1874.
To the Honorable Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Columbia:

GENTLEMEN—Realizing, in common with all classes of our citizens, the positive necessity of having our streets lighted, or at least a portion of them, I am induced to make the following proposition: To furnish naphtha and lamp, and light from 23 to 100 lamps, for \$25 per lamp per year; if 200 lamps, I will do it for \$33 per lamp per year, the city to pay quarterly, and furnish post, lantern, burner and shed to store naphtha and keep lamps in order.

Your attention is invited to enclosed circulars, showing an enterprise I think worthy of your patronage, if consistent with the interest of the city.

Yours respectfully,
M. E. CARR.

Alderman Carr explained that it costs the city at present \$18 per year for each gas lamp, in addition to the many annoyances of having the gas shut off whenever it suits the whim of the Gas Company. He called attention to the fact that the gas bill in the market for the month of March was \$18, April \$28.40 and May \$30.10, and thought that the charges were enormously high. The city would save from ten to twenty per cent, by using the naphtha.

On motion of Alderman Brown, the proposal of M. E. Carr was accepted, and the Committee on City Lamps instructed to have 100 lamps put in operation.

The following bills were presented, and referred to the Committee on Accounts: H. M. Gibson, John Alexander, street department; John Alexander, water works; John Alexander, guard house; Swygert & Hook, indigent poor; Swygert & Hook (four bills); D. Goodman (two bills), city hospital; Swygert & Hook (four bills), D. Goodman (two bills), Alms House; Columbia Gas Light Company, gas bill.

REPORTS.
Report of Capt. M. F. Nixon, Chief of Police, for the month of May, was referred to the Committee on Guard House and Police.

Report of Charles Schultze, Overseer of Poor, for month of May, was referred to the Committee on Alms House.

Report of J. H. Pickett, Clerk of Market, for month of May, was referred to the Committee on Market.

Seven months' statement of ex-City Treasurer was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

The following report of the present City Treasurer was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

OFFICE CITY TREASURER,
COLUMBIA, S. C., May 30, 1874.
To his Honor the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Columbia:

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to present herewith my report for the month of May, 1874.

I was elected by your honorable body on the 21st of April last, was qualified on the 28th, and entered upon the discharge of my duties on the 1st of May.

I received from my predecessor, Mr. Charles Barham, \$714.43 of which \$314.41 was in city bills, and \$399 in United States currency.

As you are doubtless aware, I have been seriously embarrassed from the want of funds to meet the pressing demands for payment of those who hold claims against the city.

The officers of the city, the policemen and the street lands, who support themselves and families by their daily earnings, have not been paid since February, and are sadly in need of their pay, while the merchants, who have fed the indigent poor, and the helpless in our Alms House and Hospital, are clamorous for their pay, and announce their inability to feed them longer on credit.

In view of these facts, which are notorious, believing that you, as also the public whose representatives you are, desire to know the cause for this embarrassment, for this emptiness of the treasury so soon upon the heels of the collection of the annual taxes of 1874, I have prepared and now present for your consideration the following statements, which tell the story of the present unfortunate condition of affairs, in language more eloquent than I can command.

RESOURCES.

Taxable property on the duplicate of 1874.....	\$6,000,000
Less 20 per cent, being average reductions of assessment, erroneous assessments and nulla bona.....	1,200,000
Actual taxable basis.....	4,800,000
Eight mills for general purposes on above will realize when all collected.....	38,400
Seven mills for interest on the city debt.....	33,600
Licenses and all other sources of revenue, assuming as a basis the receipts in 1873.....	17,000
Receipts on account of taxes of previous years.....	4,600
Water collections, assuming as a basis collections for 1873.....	7,500
Total receipts from all sources.....	\$ 101,100

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding bills of the year 1873, which have been paid out of the taxes of 1874, as will more fully appear by reference to the detailed statement of expenditures hereto annexed.....	\$ 49,629 65
Outstanding bills of the year 1873 not yet paid, as per registry.....	3,602 74
Bills payable issued in 1873 still outstanding.....	8,156 00
Amount of judgment in case of Columbia Water Power Company vs. city of Columbia.....	12,000 00
Total past indebtedness paid and payable in 1874.....	73,398 39
Current expenses of 1874, as per appropriation ordinance.....	102,740 00
Appropriation for building house for Enterprise Fire Engine Company.....	1,200 00
Interest on city debt for one year (I am unable to find out the amount of coupons of previous years paid this year).....	40,000 00
Total liabilities.....	\$ 217,338 39
Excess of liabilities over resources.....	116,238 39

In the above statement the indebtedness on the construction fund of the new City Hall and unpaid past due coupons are not included in the liabilities of the city, because I have not the exact figures at my command.

It appears from the foregoing statement that in December, 1873, when the tax levy for 1874 was passed, the city owed a floating debt of over \$73,000. This large sum represents the accumulations for several years of bills ordered paid in excess of receipts from all sources, and more especially during the last year, when a large sum was expended, which was not included in the estimate or the tax levy of 1873, nor provided for in the levy of 1874.

This deficiency of over \$73,000 was evidently not included in the estimate of the tax necessary to be levied for the support of the city for the year 1874, because the appropriations made at that time for the year 1874 of themselves exceed the maximum to be realized from all sources of revenue.

I have compiled the receipts and expenditures from the month of December to the month of April, inclusive, because during that time the bulk of the taxes of 1874 was collected, the larger part of which was absorbed in the payment of last year's debts, as the exhibits which follow will show:

Receipts and Disbursements from December to April, inclusive.

To balance from November, 1874.....	\$ 4,984 80
To receipts from taxes, applicable to general purposes.....	31,518 64
To licenses and all other sources of revenue.....	8,283 87
To water collections.....	5,757 64
To special interest tax collected.....	26,854 03
To money borrowed by bills payable.....	44,542 63
To receipts from Sheriff Dent.....	490 77
.....	\$122,432 48

CR.

By bills ordered paid in 1873, paid out of taxes of 1874.....	\$ 49,639 65
By bills ordered paid in 1874.....	31,740 36
By discounts allowed on taxes paid prior to January 6, 1874.....	1,198 50
By amount of judgment against city in the case of the Columbia Water Power Company vs. city of Columbia.....	12,000 00
By city money redeemed.....	8,740 00
By coupons redeemed through Carolina National Bank.....	17,903 25
By coupons on hand.....	390 00
By amount turned over to me as City Treasurer.....	714 43
To balance.....	106 29
.....	\$122,432 48