I herewith lay before you the report of the the Spartanburg and Union Railroad Compa-Adjutant and Inspector General upon the duties of his department, and the condition of the militia of this State.

During the past spring and summer, I reviewed two divisions of the militia, and was ted. gratified at their exhibition of zeal in the performance of duty, and the precision with which adequate substitute for the present system. Under it the State has acquired a reputation equalled by that of no other for the excellence of her military discipline. Whenever any portion of her citizen soldiery have been called into active service, the arts which they have acquired at home have enabled them to win a high reputation. The same necessity continues for an ac-

tive organization as has always existed. I invite your attention to the accompanying communication from the Honorable Secretary of State of the United States, covering a copy of the consular Convention between his Majesty the Emperor of the French Government and the

direction of the President of the United States repeal the laws against usury ; which were read he requests me to call your attention to the 7th article of that instrument, and recommends, if in pursuance of the existing laws French subjects are not allowed to hold real estate in South Car-

olina, that such right be conferred upon them. I have received a communication from his Excellency, J. H. Clifford, Governor of Massachusetts, conveying of a report and resolutions, adopted unanimously by the Legislature of that commonwealth, in response to resolutions adopted by you at your last session. upon the sutjects of the deaths of Henry Clay and Daniel Webster. In compliance with his request, I herewith lay them before you.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives, I have laid before you, in as brief a manner as possible, such suggestions as seemed to me proper for your consideration. I have omitted any discussion of federal affairs, since It is well known of your views upon these subjects that adherence to the cardinal principles of State Rights-to a strict construction of the Constitution-to a tariff purely for revenue,-to an economical appplication of the finances of the government, and above all to a stern and impartial administration of the laws, and enforcement of all its constitutional obligations, you give your support to the present distinguished head of the nation as a fair exponent of such principles, disregarding all local disputes, or contentions for the emoluments and spoils of office.

With regard to our internal affairs, I would remark in general terms, that it is wise to guard against excess of legislation. Those laws are best which are permanent and easily understood. Innovation often carries with it more injury than benefit; and repeated changes tend to produce a certain demoralization as to the force and obligation of law. Modifications of it are frequently necessary to supply the new wants of a growing country, but those should rather be specified than general, so as not to threaten, still less to involve the destruction of a system which for generations of men has worked happily and beneficently. It is better to preserve that tone of moderation which avoids the extreme of a blind conservatism on the one side, and the restless desire for change on the other.

Permit me, gentlemen, to invoke for your deliberations the aid of that Divine Power which is at once the beginning and end of human JOHN L. MANNING. wisdom. November 28, 1853.

## South Carolina Legislature.

TUESDAY, Nov. 29, 1853. IN SENATE.

ny to extend their road from a point at or near Spartanburg Court House to some point on the North Carolina line, in the direction of Asheville or Rutherford. Read and commit-

Mr. Witherspoon introduced a bill authorizing the Town Council of Yorkville to issue their evolutions were executed. I know of no the bonds of the corporation, and for other purposes. Referred.

Mr. Mazyck, from a special committee, (consisting of Messrs Mazyck, Porter and Adams.) appointed at the last session, made a report upon the subject of banks and banking, accom panied by a bill "to define the rights, powers, and privileges of incorporated banks," &c. Five hundred copies of the report were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Moses submitted a report from the Bank of the State of South Carolina; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Mazyck, under previous notice, introduced a bill to amend the charter of the Bank Government of the United States ; and by the of the State of South Carolina. Also a bill to and referred.

Mr. Porter introduced a bill to renew the charter of the Bank of Charleston. Adjourned to 12 o'clock to morrow.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES .- A number of petitions were presented. The following bills, under previous notice.

were introduced: By Mr. McGowan, respecting wills. amend the charter of the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company. To give the aid of the State to the Blue Ridge Railroad Com-

By Mr. McCrady, prescribing the mode and terms upon which municipal corporations may subscribe to stocks of railroads, plank roads, and canal companies.

By Mr. Lesesne, to renew the charter of the Bank of Charleston. To regulate appeals at law.

By Mr. Trenholm, to cede to the United States jurisdiction over certain parcels of land for the erection of light houses and beacons. By Mr. Blum, to recharter the Bank of South Carolina.

By Mr. Cash, to repeal an act to alter and

mend the license law, passed in 1840. By Mr. Crosson, to amend the charter of the

Bank of Newberry, South Carolina. By Mr. Winsmith, to change the name the Judicial District of Spartanburg to that of Spartan.

By Mr. Ashmore, for the the appointment f a general superintendent of public schools. By Mr. Kershaw, to amend the law relating to Sheriffs.

## THURSDAY, December 1.

IN SENATE .- The Senate met. Petitions ere presented by Messrs. Witherspoon, Mc Aliley, Mazyck, John Wilson, James J. Wil son, Buchanan, Carew, Adams, Dudley, Porter, and others.

Mr. Moses, from Committee to whom had been referred a bill relating to sheriffs, reported favorably thereon. And in accordance with previous notice, introduced the following bills: To alter the system of pleading. Relative to bonds of Ordinaries. Extending the charter of the Sumterville Academical Society. Referred.

Mr. Marshall introduced a bill to amend the charter of the Savannah River Valley Railroad Company. Referred. Mr. Witherspoon introduced a bill to repeal

the 6th session of the act of 1852, (relating to small notes.) Referred.

Mr. Evins introduced a bill to extend the time for securing the capital stock, and for or ganizing the Western bank of South Carolina at Anderson. Referred.

By Mr. Blackeney, to renew the charter of the Merchant's Bank at Cheraw. By Mr. Mobley, to amend the license law,

(prohibiting the sale of liquor less than one gallon.)

By Mr. Hammond, to amend the charter of he Savannah River Valley Railroad Company. By Mr. Boylston, to amend the 95th section of an act, reducing into one all the militia laws. Also a bill to exempt the survivors of the South Carolina Volunteers in the Florida War from military duty.

By Mr. Wallace, to reduce the salary of the Adjutant General to \$1,500; to reduce the salary of the Major of Ordnance, and to abolish the salary of Quartermaster General.

By Mr. McGowan, a bill to authorise the State to subscribe to the Blue Ridge Railroad a sum not exceeding \$750,000.

By Mr. Gadberry, to extend the Spartanburg and Union Railroad.

Mr. Clark offered a resolution directing the Military Committee to enquire into the pro- ses, which are to be unusually interesting, judging priety of so altering the militia laws, as to abolish the militia system, and substitute a volunteer aystem.

FRADAY, December 2. IN SENATE .- The Senate met. Petitions were presented by the following members: Messrs. Witherspoon, Ingram, Moses, Calhoun, Moorman, Carn, Porter, Carew, Marshall, Bull, and others.

A resolution from the House, repealing provision requiring publishers to furnish printed copies of advertisements, &c., in rendering accounts against the State was rejected.

A report from a committee appointed to examine into the affairs of the Branch Bank at Camden, was made and ordered to be printed. The resolution offered yesterday by Mr. Porter, directing the Governor to present a sword or some suitable testimonial of respect to Captain Duncan N. Ingraham, of the United States Navy, as a suitable tribute from his native State for gallant and meritorious con-dect in the case of Koszta, was taken up. After a brief allusion to the incidents connected with this interesting affair, by the author of the resolutions, and some appropriate and patriotic remarks upon the subject, the resolution was unanimously adopted, and sent to the

House for its action. Mr. Mazyck offered a resolution, which was adopted, calling upon the Committee of Agriculture, to inform the Senate, first, the number of subscribers to the stock of the Blue Ridge Railroad, with the amount of stock taken by them; the number of subscribers in Georgia to said road, and their amount of stock. Sec ondly, the amount of stock taken in the Knox ville and Charleston Railroad; how much by individuals, and how much by counties, towns, and other public bodies ; the precise terms, conditions, &c., agreed upon for constructing the road, with the names and residence of the contractors; the location and estimated cost of the road; whether any survey has been made to avoid mountain tunneling ; the length of survey for the road; beyond the States of South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee; whether the road has been so definitely located as to ascertain the number of cubic feet of excavation, &c., and by whom such location has been made; and to furnish the facts and data upon which the Governor makes his statement in reference to this work in his late annual message, and by whom such estimates have been made and furnished.

Mr. Marshall, from the committee to whom the subject had been referred, reported against reducing the salary of the Adjutant General to \$500, and proposing the substitution of \$1. 500.

The following hills were introduced: By Mr. Marshall, to alter the sitting of

# The Camden Weekly Journal.

Tuesday, December 6, 1853.

THO. J. WARREN, Editor.

Columbia Affairs.

We have no news of special interest to report from the seat of Government ; although there are a great many persons, rather an unusual number for so early in the session, there is nothing of particular note which would add interest to a newspaper paragraph. The first part of the Session is usually occupied in get-

ting ready to do every thing in a hurry at the close ; and we think if there was more done at first, there would be less cause for apprelision that so little would be done at last. This is, however, a talking age, and we must expect to have much ado about nothing. The daily papers will keep one advised of the particulars of the Legislature. Next week is the gala week of the Session-commencement with the College exerci

from the programme of matters. On Monday 5th, the usual speaking and conferring of diplomas will take place at the Chapel, after which W. R. TABER, Esq, of the graduating class of 1848, will deliver the quinquennial address. Mr. TABER's reputation as an elegant and graceful, as well as an able speaker, will of

course attract a considerable gathering. Col. Jons S. PRESTON is to deliver the Annual Oration before the Literary Societies, which, of course, cannot fail to give great satisfaction.

The Annual Session of the Grand Division of this State closed on Friday, 2d, after a very harmonious and profitable setting of nearly two days The proceedings, when published, will give the particulars of the state of Temperance, its present position, its future prospects, &c. The Past Grand Worthy Patriarch. Maj. JAS B MCCULLY, has closed his official labors in a most satisfactory manner. His work has been accomplished in harmony, and he has done much during the past year to elevate Temperance, and give character and dignity to the cause in South Carolina. He has shown himself to be emphatically a working man

in this great and noble cause. The Officers elected for the next year are : M MOSES of Sumter, G. W. P., S. S. MCCULLY, of Columbia, G. W. A., Z. J. DEHAY, G. S., G. S. BOWER, G. T., E. THAYER, G. C., H. MILLER, G. Sentinel, Rev. J. R. PICKETT, G. Chaplain.

These were all installed by Judge O'NEALL, M. W. P. The Temperance Publication Society has been merged into the Grand Division, and these two interests, as they ought to be, are one ; and, therefore, all action hereafter will emanate from the Grand Division. which is the only effective organization of Temperance now in the State. A general Convention of all who are friendly to the cause will be held in Columbia during the month of May.

The great Southorn Agricultural Convention was held on Wednesday, 1st inst. In the evening addresses were made by several distinguished Southern men and planters. Having to attend, or being anxious to attend, the Grand Division, we did not go, and cannot report the result, from being present. On Friday evening we had a great Temperance jubilee, which was very well attended, at the Methodist Episcopal Church. The meeting was addressed by JAMES TUPPER, Esc., Mr. JOHN BULL, of Georgia, and his Honor, Judge O'-NEALL. Mr. TUPPER addressed the ladies, by a special request from them, and we accord to him but feeble praise when we say his address was a capital one and all who ever had the pleasure of hearing him, know how to appreciate his abilities, as a pleasing and elegant speaker. Mr. BULL is an animated speaker, and enters with life and spirit into his subject ; his no-

tions of a prohibitory law are sound and practicable : his language is at times quite eloquent. Our honored and veteran leader, who stards deservedly at the head of the order in North America, as the champion and fearless expounder of legal suasion and moral rights prohibitory speech, and de gave us a most excel

Hogs.

Three droves of Tennessee hogs passed through our town the latter part of last week. They were held at five cents, but no sales were effected. We under stand 41 was offered and refused.

Information has been received at St Louis that the work of slaughtering has commenced at Weston on the Missouri river. 2,000 to 3,000 hogs have been cut tribute, which shall be paid in such proportions chiefly for rendering into lard, costing from \$2.50 to and at such times as shall be designated by \$3 per 100 lbs. net, and engagements can be made for 4,000 to 5,000 more deliverable after the 15th, at \$2.-50. The increase in numbers on the upper Missouri is estimated at 20 to 25 per cent. over last year.

#### Guano.

We invite the attention of those of our friends who ntend purchasing Guano, to the advertisement of Messrs Rhett & Robson, to be found in another column.

#### Methodist Female College.

The Conference at its late session did not locate the female College. A convention of delegates from the places applying for the Institution is to be held during the present year.

### Elections by the Legislature.

On Friday last, the following elections were ma by the Legislature: COMMISSIONERS IN EQUITY.

Luncaster District-JAMES IL WITHERSPOON. Anderson-A. O. NORRIS. ChesterfielD-J. C. CRAIG. Spartanbutg-T. O. P. VERNON. Beaufort-R. J. DANANT. Orangeburg-V. D. V. JAMISON. Marlboro'-E. P. ERVIN. Marion-C. D. EVANS. Master in Equity for Charleston District-THOM.

J. GANET. Treasurer of the Lower Division-W. J. LAVAL

#### Methodist Church Property.

Telegraphic despatches from the North that a settlement of the Methodist Church controversy has been effected. The precise conditions will not be made public until after the withdrawal of the suits by consent of the Courts of Law, but it is understood that an equal division of the property between the Northern and Southern sections has been agreed upon

RESIGNATION .- We regret to learn, says the South Carolinian, that Maj. M. J. Williams, Professor of Mathematics in the South-Carolina College, has been ompelled to resign in consequence of ill health. His esignation has been accepted by the Board of Trustees, who, in accepting it passed resolutions of sympathy and regret.

Despatches have been received by the Department at Washington from Mr. BUCHANAN on the Fishery question. The Treaty has been so modified as to make it acceptable to both Governments. Mr. BUCHANAN gives it as his opinion that England will eventually declare war against Russia.

CONGRESS-Monday last was the day for the assen bling of this body. The political complexion is stated to be as follows: Senate-37 Democrats, 21 Whigs, 3 vacancies. House of Representatives-150 Democrats 71 Whigs, 4 Free Soilers.

PACIFIC RAILROAD .- The Texas Legislature is i session, and a letter from San Antonio says that the road to the Pacific will be built, if it takes the fifty million of acres of land which the State owns to do it. Four companies are at Austin bidding for the Charter to build a road to El Paso, and one will be granted this winter. From El Paso to San Diego is only 750 miles.

SOUTH CAEOLINA COLLEGE .- At a meeting of the Board of Trustees, held on Saturday evening last, Professor LEWIS R. GIBBES, of the Charleston College, was elected at the first ballot Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy in the South Carolina Colle

tion of this Association and to be located at such place as may be selected at the next or some subsequent annual meeting of the same.

2. Resolved, that to aid in accomplishing this great work, the Secretary of our Association be required to receive the subscriptions of the members and all other persons disposed to consome future annual meeting of the Association. 2. Resolved. That the Executive conneil of this Association be authorized and required to appoint at their discretion such committees and individuals in the Southern States, to solicit subscriptions for the purpose, and on the conditions before specified.

4. Resolved, That when the sum of one hundred thou-and dollars shall be subscribed, the Association shall at its first annual meeting thereafter, locate the College, and provide for the collection of the subscriptions, and the erection of one or more suitable buildings, so far as their means will admit.

5. Resolved, That it is the opinion of this meeting, that the Association should, at its next annual meeting, or so soon thereafter as the amount of subscriptions shall amount to one hundred thousand dollars memorialize Congress and the Legislatures of the Southern States, for the purpose of obtaining their aid in the completion of a work which involves so much of the welfare, not only of the South, bas of the cutire confederacy.

The importance of the subject and the expediency of their adoption by the Association were advocated by Col. Croom, of Ala., and by Mr. Henry Summer, of South Carolina.

On motion of McAliley, of South Carolina, these resolutions were ordered to be printed. and made special order of the day for Monday next, at 6 o'clock p. m., in the Hall of the House of Representatives.

Mr. McAliley urged the importance of this subject as contemplated in the organization and constitution of this Association, in-isting that a full discussion of the subject should be had. South Carolinian.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 .- The celebrated Creole case is about to be brought to the public attention in a new shape. It will be recollected that in the year 1841 a schooner called the Creole was taken possession of by a number of slaves, of whom there were one hundred and thirty five on board, while on a voyage from Norfolk to New Orleans. The negroes took the vessel into Nassau, where the British authorities refused to reduce the mutineers to obcdience, or to deliver them up, or to aid the officers or owners in recovering possession of the schooner The result was that the slaves gained their freedom, and were lost to their masters. A demand was immediately made upon the British Government for indemnity on behalf of the owners. Mr. Webster instructed Mr. Everett to press the claim, and a correspondence on the subject took place between Mr. Everett and Lord Aberdeen, and subsequently between Mr. Webster and Lord Ashburton; but the British negociators resisted the demands upon the ground that the authorities of the Bermudas were not responsible for the acts of the negroes and were not bound to deliver them up as mutineers in the absence of any treaty embracing the case. Lord Ashburton declined admitting the claim as a subject for negotiation in the correspondence which preceded the conclusion of the treaty of 1843, but it is alledged held out expectations that it would be subsequently. adjusted by his Government. The owners of the slaves have now applied to the joint Commission sitting in London for the adjudication of claims for the indennity which they could not obtain by aid of diplomacy. The amount of

The Senate met at 12 o'clock, agreeably to adjournment, (the Hon. R. F. W. Allston in the chair.) and a number of petitions, &c., were presented and appropriately referred.

Mr. Drayton presented a memorial asking an incorporation of the Charleston and Savannah Railroad Company. Referred.

Mr. Adams introduced a bill relative to Sheriffs. Read and Referred.

Also submitted a report in relation to the Lunatie Asylum.

Mr. Powe introduced a bill to renew the charter of the Merchant's Bank of Cheraw. Referred.

Mr. Cannon gave notice of intention to introduce a bill in favor of the Spartanburg Railroad.

Mr. Zimmerman gave notice of intention to ask leave to introduce a bill to reduce the pay of the Adjutant and Inspector General of the State.

Mr. Chesnut introduced a bill for rechartering the Bank of Camden. Read and referred. Mr. Mazyck gave notice of intention to report a bill to amend the charter of the Bank of South Carolina; also a bill to repeal the laws against usury.

After the transaction of some matters of no special interest, the Senate adjourned until 12 Insurance Company, which were referred. o'clock to-morrow.

#### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTIVES.

The House met; the Hon. James Simons, Speaker, in the chair. The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

A number of petitions were presented.

Mr. Middleton offered a resolution of inquiry as to the expediency of setting apart a certain sum for deepening Charleston Harbor. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

The following bills were introduced in accordance with previous notice :

By Mr. Hutson, to amend the law in relation to words of ilmitation in deeds and wills. To repeal an aet increasing the amount of property exempt from levy and sale. To alter the license law of this State.

By Mr. Tillinghast, to repeal the 6th section of the act of 16th December, 1852, (contem- Hamburg. plating an entire prohibition of the issue of bank notes under five dollars.)

By Mr. Kershaw, to recharter the Bank of Counden. To alter and amend the law in relalation to Sheriffs. To authorize the South Carolina Railroad Company to build a certain bridge on the Wateree river.

Mr. Hampton made a report from the Regents of the Lunatic Asylum : and on his motion, five hundred ropies were ordered to be printed.

Adjourned to 12 o'clock to morrow.

## WEDNESDAY, November 30, 1853.

IN SENATE .- The Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Numerous petitions were presented and appropriately referred.

Mr. Huey, in obedience to previous notice, introduced a bill to reduce the salary of the Adjutant and Inspector General to \$500. Read and referred to an appropriate standing committee.

Mr. Cannon introduced a bill to authorize an act reducing into one the militia laws.

Mr. Barton called up a bill postponed from the last session to alter the tenth section of the 1st article of the State constitution, (relating to the election of members and the sittings of the Legislature.) After some remarks from Mr. Adams, it was referred to a committee. Mr. Ruth introduced a bill to incorporate the Branchville and Savannah Railroad Com-

pany. Referred. Mr. Huey introduced a bill to amend the charter of the Lancaster Railroad Company.

Referred. Mr. McAliley introduced a bill to authorise

the formation of the Newberry and Chester Railroad Company. Referred.

The special order of the day, being the annual Message of the Governor, was taken up; and th : various matters referred to therein were severally referred to appropriate committees. Mr. Boozer introduced a bill to incorporate the Columbia and Hamburg Railroad Compa-

ny. Referred. Mr. Porter introduced a bill to renew the charter of the Bank of the State of South Carolina; to amend the charter of the Firemen's Adjourned to 12 o'clock to morrow.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES .- The House met agreeably to adjournment, Mr. Ashmore offered a resolution to repeal

so much of the joint resolution of 1852 as requires proprietors of newspapers to furnish a printed copy of every item of their account against the State. Assented to, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Boykin, from the committee on the Library, made a report, accepting Dr. Gibbes' volume of documentary history.

Mr. Kershaw, agreeably to notice, introduced a resolution to repeal so much of the 60th rule of the House as to require reports, &c., to be given under alphabetical order. Laid over. Mr. Mullens gave notice of a bill to provide for a railroad from the Camden junction to

Mr. Ashmore introduced a bill to repeal the

6th section of the act extending the charter of the Bank of the State. Also a bill to amend the Free school system.

so as to provide, 1st, for an annual appropriation of \$74,400; 2d, for the election of a superintendent, by the General Assembly, at a salary of \$3,000.

The following bills were introduced in ac cordance with previous notice :

By Mr. Broyles, to extend the time for receiving the capital stock of the Western Bank of South Carolina.

By Mr. Lawton, to incorporate the Branchville and Savannah Railroad Company. By Mr. Blum, to renew the charter of the

Bank of South Carolina. By Mr. Lesesue, to regulate appeals at law. subscribing to railroad and plank road compa-

nies by municipal corporations. By Mr. Cash, to amend the 15th section of

courts of the western district; and to transfer the courts of the Spartanburg district to the northern district.

By Mr. Porter, to enlarge the powers of the City Council of Charleston, &c.; to renew and amend the charter of the State Bank; to incorporate the Central Bank of Charleston.

By Mr. Harllee, to charter a company to construct a railroad from the junction of the Camden and Columbia branches of the South Carolina Railroad to Hamburg.

These bills were severally referred to appropriate committees.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES .- The House met. A number of petitions were presented and referred.

Mr. Charles, from a special joint committee appointed at the last session, made a report in regard to the affairs of the Branch Bank at Camden. Read and referred.

Mr. McGowan presented the annual report of the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company. Referred.

The following bills were introduced :

By Mr. Mullins, to construct a railroad from the Camden and Columbia branch to Hamburg. but reasonable that they in return should acknowl-To regulate the distribution of the appropriations to free schools.

By Mr. Owens, providing for the inspection of lumber in Charleston.

By Mr. Hampton, for the formation of the Columbia and Hamburg Railroad Company. By Mr. Rice, to exempt a certain amount of property from execution and sale. By Mr. Clawson, to amend an act to repeal

all acts and parts of acts authorizing ordinaries to take possession of and administer derelect estates.

By Mr. Anderson, to amend the charter of the Laurensville Railroad Company.

FORGERY .- On Friday last an attempt was made to pass off forged checks at the Counter of the Bank of Georgetown; one signed "Henry Buck" and the other "C. Allston." The young man gave his name as Caraway, but, we believe, it has since turned out to be the son of a very respectable gentleman of Williamsburgh district. The circumstances connected with the forgery and the attempt to get the checks cashed are so free from every appearance of rascality as to leave us in doubt whether to regard the young man an idiot or a lunatic. We however refrain from any further remarks, as the party has been arrested, and in default of bail, has been lodged in jail to await legal investigation of the matter.-Pee Dee Times 23d inst.

per, a whig journal says:

"The returns of the Mississippi elections indicate that Gen. Davis, and not Gov. Focte, is to be elected to the United States Senate by the next Legislature-an event that will afford By Mr. McCrady, prescribing the mode of pleasure to a very large majority of the peo-

moustrated, beyond the question of a doubt, the entire practicability and justice of prehibitory law. We are sorry that time will not now permit us to give in detail more extended notices of these speeches.

> shake of the hand, and in return gave them the best o'clock a. m. we had on hand. Among these are the Messrs. MEL-TON, of the Chester Standard, Maj. MEETZ of the Lexington Telegraph, Mr. LOGAN, of the Sumter Banner. Dr. GIBBES, of the Carolinian, President of the Press Association, Mr. I. J. RICE, of the Anderson Southern Rights Advocate, Mr. ED. HERIOT, former editor of the Temperance Advocate, and at present connected with the Evening News, Mr. GRIST, of the

the Yorkville Miscellany, Mr. EARLE, of the Anderson Gazette, and Col. WHEATON, of the Greenville Mountaineer. Next week a large number will, in all probability, be here to attend the Press Association which meets at 11 o'clock on Wednesday next.

In this connection, it is proper to remark that JAN NEY'S HOTEL is the centre of attraction for the corps editorial. There is a very obvious reason for this-JANNEY and his excellent assistants know how to treat this class of persons-they treat them well, and it is edge his generous hospitality, and let the public know where an obliging and gentlemanly host and good quarters may be found. Indeed, his house is a perfect jam, and he is obliged to turn off persons every day for want of room. If he had a house as large again, he

could fill it easily. JANNEY is the pioneer of hospitality to Editors in South Carolina-others have followed his example. The reports in the Carolinian of the proceedings of

the Legislature are so full and complete that I shall make no effort to give any on my own hook. It would clock. be a useless and uninteresting task, which I have no desire or intention of attempting.

The local news is also reported with an accuracy and promptness which does away with the necessity | yesterday were read and approved. of my attempting the duty.

It is rumored that the cars for Charleston are to leave, in a day or two, at 9 o'clock, A. M., which will be good news to those who have to set up nearly all night in order to be up before day, lest they might come up among the missing. A corresponding change of course would be made in the time for leaving Camden. I am afraid the news is too good to be true. I believe everything is working very well, or

the South Carolina Railroad, under the prudent management of President Caldwell-even if he should not "run an engine," or "grease the wheels"-a ridiculous idea ever to have entered the head of a thinking man, and one which a strained imagination only could have invented. We have had the satisfaction of meeting others who agreed that we were right in our notions about railroad matters, at least in that part relating to

EX.SENATOR FOOTE .- The Baltimore Clip the President. We have no particular quarrel to make with any body, but when our positions are attacked we shall always take pleasure in defending

#### **Resignation of Judge Frost**,

We learn from Columbia, that Judge Frost, has resigned. A number of gentlemen have been spoken of as his successor, among them, Messrs, Simons, and Dawkins, of Union, and Mr. Fair, of Newberry,

## Agricultural Convention.

In accordance with previous arrangement the annual meeting of the Agricultural Asso-We have met several of our friends and brethren of ciation of the Planting or Slaveholding States number of valuable items in relation to the the press, from whom we have received a good hearty assembled yesterday, in the Town Hall, at 10 construction of this useful avenue of commu-

In the absence of the President, Col. A. G. Summer was temporarily called to the chair.

The Association proceeded to elect a vice president, when the Hon. R. F. W. Allston was chosen, and took the Chair as president pro

Dr. N. B. Cloud, Secretary of the Association, read the proceedings of the last meeting held in the State of Alabama, which were approved. The Constitution was read.

In obedience to an invitation, seconded by some spirited remarks from Col. Summer, a number of gentlemen came forward and signed the Constitution.

A letter was read from John II. Newton, esq., Chairman of a Committee appointed at the last assembly to take into consideration of propriety of establishing means for Agricultural education, regretting his inability to be present, and expressing earnest wishes for the prosecution of the suggestion. On motion the subject was temporarily laid aside.

A number of essays were announced as received from several members, on various subjects of moment to the planting and other interests, and measures taken to secure addresses, &c., during the present session.

A number of specimens of cotton seeds, &c., were distributed among the members. The Association adjourned to half past 6 o'

FRIDAY, December 2, 1853. The Association met this day at 10 o'clock, a. m. as per adjournment. The proceedings of On motion of Col. Croom, of Alabama,

Resolved That Mr. Edwin Ruffin, of Va., and honorary members of this Association.

On motion of Mr. Whyte, the letter of Mr. C. B. Stewart, of Texas, was read, accompahe so kindly sent the Association; when an in- ticipated that ours will be self-sustaining. teresting and lively discussion sprang up on the subject of the various (to us as yet) muskite grasses, &c., at the conclusion of which Mr. McAliley, of South Carolina, moved that Mr. Stewart's letter be published with the proceedwas so ordered.

On motion of Col Isaac Croom, of Alabama, the following preamble and resolutions were introduced :

Whereas the establishment of a Central Ag icultural College, which shall provide the best means of instruction in all the sciences and learning pertaining to agriculture and its kindred arts, is indispensable for accomplishing one of the great purposes of this association, which is the reformation and improvement of Southern Agriculture. Therefore.

1. Resolved, That a Southern Central Agrithe despatch of business in our national coun- Phillips, of Charleston, Mr. Bellinger of Barnwell, Mr. cultural College shall be established as early show, it is said, a balance due from public offi-

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#### Costs and Profits of Plank Reads.

the demand is \$60,000, with interest.

From various sources we have gathered a nication, which at the present time, when the subject is attracting an increased share of publie attention may be interesting to our readers. Our own State will not be backward, we are confident, in the race. Our neighbors of the up country have already completed, or have under contract, numerous Plankroad projects, the success of which is no longer a matter of speculation. The people of Edgefield, who have some experience in this matter, appear to believe strongly in them. Their second Road is now marked out, from Edgefield C. H. to Cheatham's, nine miles above, on the Abbeville Road. It is estimated that the whole cost will not exceed eighteen thousand dollars.

In Mississippi, the experience of the advocates of Plankroads is highly favorable to their continued construction. The Yazoo and Big Black Plankroad, extending from Yazoo City to Benton (10 mi'es) cost \$3.500 per mile .--The road is covered with oak plank at \$10 per thousand, with the exception of a section of two miles of Cypress plank at \$14 per thousand. During the first six months, from the commencement of its operations in September 1852, the Toll collected for five miles amounted to 40 per cent per annum on this extravagant outlay. Through the summer months the receipts fell off materially, yet during the months of May, June and July, the Road paid 13 per cent per annum. The Company make their calculations for the coming season for at least 20 per cent.

According to all the estimates we have seen, the average cost of building Plank Roads in this State, is even less than half the figures we have quoted above. Timber is abundant and cheap, and it is unnecessary to go to work on Dr. John Bachman, D. D., LL. D. be elected any thing like the expensive scale adopted by our neighbors of Mississippi, when we can build as substantially for half the money. If their investments, under such disadvantages, nying the specimens of the Muskite Grass which pay so handsomely, it may reasonably be an-

It gives pleasure to learn that there is yet a good prospect of the Charleston and Colum-bia Plank Road being subscribed for and built. The chief projectors of it are gentlemen of enlarged views, liberal means, and indefatigaings of this meeting of the Association; which ble public spirit, and we feel assured that they will not allow that which has been so long with them a pet project to fail for want of means or energy to carry it through to completion .- Char. Eve. News.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA. - The editor of the Norfolk Argus, who has lately paid a visit to the University of Virginia, says that it is now more prosperous than ever. Up to the time he left (November 2d) there had been 427 martriculated the last, session up to Januray 16.

Secretary Guthrie's report to Congress will as practicable, subject to the control and direc- cers to the startling amount of eighty millions.

ple of the entire Republic, and that will tend incalculably to the preservation of peace and