his insult and lawlessness?

If we are going to war, let us have it at once, and be done with it.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Supreme Court of California has decided that the taxation of a mortgage on land, or the money secured thereby, and the taxation on the land, is double taxation, and, therefore, unconstitutional.

The President has nominated Judge Williams for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in place of Chief Justice Chase, deceased.

Representative John B. Hawley of Illinois has a scheme for free banking, which he proposes to press upon the attention of Congress. The plan contemplates the removal of all restrictions from the extension of the national banking system, and to limit the amount of national bank circulation only by the condition of adequate security.

The House of Representatives agreed to make the State taxes payable in two instalments, but the amendment was stricken out on the third reading of the tax bill. The taxes will be collected, therefore, at the usual time.

THE RURAL CAROLINIAN,

We are in receipt of the December number of the "Rural Carolinian," which fully maintains its well-established reputation of being the best and most practical agricultural publication issued in the Southern States. It is neatly printed, and never fails to present to its readers a fund of useful and practical information of far more value to the agriculturist and general reader than the nominal price charged for subscription. The publishers announce that they have changed their Chromo scheme, as published in previous numbers, in order to make a more liberal offer to their subscribers, in the form of a GIFT CERTIFICATE, in connection with that gem of Chromos, "THE UNCONCIOUS SLEEPER," which is still offered at the exceedingly low price of Two Dollars, mounted ready for framing.

Those intending to make application for Canvassing Agencies, should do so at once, as the season is now at hand to commence work. Address Walker, Evans & Cogswell, Charleston, S. C., who will supply all information desired.

Vick's Floral Guide for 1874 is before us. It is now published quarterly, and is the most handsome work of its kind we have ever seen.

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that the whole Democratic portion of the city, "black spirits and white," embrace the opportunity of being warm at so cheap a rate. Indeed, one woman whose desire of displaying her new acquisition outweighed her bump of harmony, was seen with a *muslin* dress and furs, during the recent cold snap, some weeks ago.

Whether things are improved in a monetary sense, "deponent sayeth not," but the people have become used to their impecunious condition, and have decided that poverty is not a disease that kills; only a very disagreeable, chronic and extremely fashionable malady, which it is best to grin and bear." Once more shoppers are out in numbers, clerks have resumed their wonted calmness of demeanor, and the "money crisis" has grown as stale as a "thrice-told tale.'

We have had some tolerable things at the Academy of Music, and expect better still. The Lulu combination, with that young woman's marvellous lays, attracted many. Miss Eldridge, as usual, drew good houses. Bidwell and MacDonough's Black crook met with its general good fortune, in in a full attendance, while the circus was packed, carrying off more money than would seem to be come-at-able.

A great treat is in store for the lovers of good acting for next week. Of course, I speak of Janushek's performances for four nights. She made so profound an impression here last year in "Chesney Wold,' that success will doubtless greet her return Her personation of the two markedly dissimilar characters in that play, the haughty peeress, Lady Deadlock, and the wretched French waiting-maid, Hortense, "the clever sinner," was wonderful. Voice, look and manner, underwent a change so perfect and instantaneous, that nothing less than a great genius could have achieved it. It was at a matinee last year that I first saw her in "Chesney Wold." Near me sat two ladies, young handsome and aristocratic, with the little touch-me-not air, so essentially Charlestonian. As Janushek appeared, resplendant in satin, but so stout that a grazier would, assuredly have delighted in her, and probably have described her as "beef, down to the heels," I saw my dainty lady's lip curl. "She is fat," she remarked to her companion. "She is old, coarse, and what a horrible voice! Imagine her attempting to act Lady Dedlock—absurd!" The play went on; I watched the great actress rise to the part, and kept one eye and one ear open for the young critic beside me. Her cheeks were flushed, her hands clasped and her whole soul was on the stage. At the revelation of Lady Dedlock's maternity to Esther, Janushek is truly grand, and the

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that glorious season and the way we celebrate it, in my next epistle.

For the present—Adieu.

VIOLET.

All About The State.

Columbia is to have a public meeting in the interest of immigration.

Col. F. F. Warley is on temperance at Kingstree.

The members of the Greenville bar have paid a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Jas. Birnie.

The Great Eastern Circus relieved the good people of Spartanburg of nine thousand dollars.

The diptheria is very bad in the upcountry. In Greenville three persons died in one family.

The good people of Newberry pride themselves upon the fact that their jail has not a single inmate.

The colord militia of Chester County are engaged in active drill. Cuba is suggested as an objective point.

Col. John H. Evans retires from the editoral chair of the Carolina Spartan, of Spartanburg and Col. T. Stobo Farrow takes his place.

On Friday next the Jackson Literary Society, of Abbeville, will discuss the "Cuban question," and define the course of the United States Government in the matter. We will then know whether we will have war or not.

A CARD.

The Citizens' Savings Bank of South Carolina has to-day gone into voluntary bankruptcy, under our advice. This advice has been given as the most effectual means of protecting the interest of its depositors and other creditors, who can thus, and thus only, have the management and control of its assets, instead of their being placed in the hands of a receiver in whose selection they have no voice.

The officers of the bank will, at an early day, publish a statement, giving full information of its affairs.

We would warn depositors and creditors not to barter their claims to speculators and other interested parties, as we are informed there exists a most dangerous combination, whose object is to obtain a controling interest, to the destruction of the bank and the detriment of its depositors.

We would father advise the depositors and creditors to retain their claims until the publication above referred to has been made, which, in our opinion, will justify the wisdom and policy of the course adopted in their interest, and will suggest a plan which, if heartily co-operated in by depositors and creditors, will save them from loss.

(Signed) McMASTER & LeCONTE,
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POPE & HASKELL,
BACHMAN & YOUMANS,
Of Counsel.

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 1, 1873.

Threatening Aspect of Affairs—War Movement at the North.

NEW YORK, December 7.

A cipher dispatch from Madrid states the aspect of the Cuban question is warlike. Minister Sickles to-day tendered his resignation as minister in consequence of a disagreement with the authorities at Washington about the Spanish complication. This disagreement has existed for some time. It is understood that in the recent negotiation Secretary Fish acted directly with President Castelar, ignoring Minister Sickles and disapproving as his imperative tone. The Correspondencia says they have had frequent disagreements before. There was at least a rupture with Mr. Fish on the occasion of the correspondence attending the demands of Bidwell, from Havana and the Howard case, when Mr. Fish ignored Sickles and dealt directly with the Spanish minister. It is said in diplomatic circles that the good officers of the British minister accomplished a settlement, but now as Mr. Fish proposes further concessions Sickles resigns. The Cuban authorities demand that the Virginius be delivered at some Spanish or Porto Rico port, at the discretion of the colonial minister, there to await arbitration. The opposition to President Castelar is culminating in a cabinet crisis. The whole Spanish press is indignant and protest against the tone of President Grant's message as an impertinent interference in Cuban affairs which is really none of his business. The cause of the cabinet crisis is the charge that Castelar cringes to America. The situation springs from the astounding ignorance, haughtiness and pride of the people, and the feeling is intensely warlike.

TELEGRAPHIC WAR NEWS.

WASHINGTON, December 5.

The State Department refuses information regarding the startling news from Cuba. They know nothing at midnight. The Associated Press reports Captain Joveilar resigned. In explanation, he says the delivery of the Virginius to the United States will cause frightful commottions and catastrophes throughout the island, where complete order now prevails.—Meantime, the volunteers, by private means, are buying war vessels. The *Voz de Cuba* asserts that Senor Soler, Minister of the Interior, has forwarded his resignation. The volunteers would consent to placing the Virginius in the hands of a neutral port for arbitration, but will not let her come directly to a United States port. The authorities cannot count on the support of the people in carrying out the protocol.

KEY WEST, December 5.

La Crontata, of Havana, says the time has come when true Spaniards must prepare to fight—they will conquer or die. True Spaniards will refuse obedience to the home Government for the restoration of embargoed propersy to Americans. It advises readiness by land and sea for fight. All between the ages of fourteen and forty must be enrolled and all traitors and liberaltis expelled. The article concludes with a challenge to the American people to fight. The Ozsipes and monitor Mahopac have arrived nine days from Fortress Monroe. Eighty-[illegible]

WASHINGTON, December 6.

Nothing definate can be obtained here regarding Cuban affairs. Fish and Pole are equally reticent. The absence of American vessels from the port of Havana is part of the programme. Their presence there, under the circumstances, would have been considered a menace. Our government will not consent to delivering the Virginius to a neutral power, but will consent to receive her on the high seas. The Administration seems inclined to deal very gently, and will avoid hostilities, if possible. They claim that silence regarding details is prudent. The Administion will not adopt harsh measures to enforce the protocol, without Congressional sanction.

NEW YORK, December 6.

The Brooklyn navy-yard officers report that the government has purchased seven thousand tons of coal, of which the schooner A. W. Smith took a portion to Key West.

A Washington special says that Fish has officially refused to comply with the spanish Cabinet's request that the Virginius be delivered to a neutral power. The work on the supply storeships is being pushed, and provisions are coming into the navy-yard. It is hoped that the torpedo boat Alarm will be ready in a month. The sloop-of-war Macedonain is fitting out at Norfolk for a storeshid.

MARRIED.

BARNES—BRADLEY.—On the 3d inst. by Rev. J. E. Rodgers, Mr. T. W. Barnes to Miss S. A., daughter of Levi Bradley Esq., All of Kershaw.

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