ADVERTISING RATES: er square, second insertion,

"Pay no taxes," is the latest cry of the Democracy, but the people in Beaufort county have had enough experience in defeated in no other way it is very certain that their reign for two years longer is assured.

The Advantages of Port Royal.

Port Royal seems to have greatly pleased the board of Naval officers sent down here to examine its advantages as a naval station. The board say the harbor and its tributaries present great advantages, and offer the necessary depth of water and facilities for entry into port without risk to vessels of war, and that Port Royal bay is a noble sheet of water, undoubtedly the finest harbor on our South ern coast, and trut the wonder is that the place was so little known or appreciated prior to 1861. There are several favoraall of which must be carefully studied and compared ! efore the best one can be determined. In the mean time the board recommend that Port Royal be used as a temporary fitting and coaling station

Coosahatchie County. N. B. Myers is again working for a division of this county with a view of creating the new county of Coosahatchie. see him peg away at his pet scheme until he is successful. By a division of this county as he proposes, with the addition of a portion of Barnwell and Colleton the new county would be one of considerable wealth and power, but would leave poor Beaufort without much revenue as the most prompt and largest taxpayers are in the upper part of the county. made to leave Beaufort county only the Islands, and make Broad river the dividing line? This would render a county government here without much opportunity for good or evil and county offices would not be quite so attractive as at present and political machinery would be run more easily and with less strife and corruption. Let us have peace.

The latest phase of the political con test in our State is the inauguration of wholly independently of me and upon Gen. Wade Hampton as Governor of his own judgment and responsibility as South Carolina on the 14th, of the month. an officer." As Gen. Ruger endeavored The admirable control not only of himself to throw the who'e blame on Mr. Chambut of his impetuous supporters which berlain it would now seem as though it has marked the conduct of the Democratic leader throughout the exciting tion. campaign gives assurance that his most recent step was not hastily taken nor before a future course of action had been carefully matured. The people with can people to think that the desire to see deep anxiety watch the progress of events in their country a Mexicanized governbut are unable to arrive at a solution of ment. Whatever may be the result at the riddle in Columbia.

Representatives is simply a manifesta- to believe that they will do the same.,' tion of the aggregate impudence of its members, whose acts are worthy of no more notice then are the psoceedings of an ignorant and turbulent mob out of place in the legislative hall of the State. On the other hand, Gen. Wallace's house tacitly admitted the irregularity of its primary organization, by confirming its previous actions, after it had increased its numbers to sixty three.

Being the only body composed of a constitutional quorum of representatives chosen at the November election and Inding the proper certificates of election from the Secretary of State, it has reason to claim to be the House of Representasaves, but until its members are permitted to occupy their proper seats in their ball in the Capitol and act in concert with the Senate, but little progress will be made toward the settlement of the gubernstori 1 muddle. All the evidence tends to show that Gen. Hampton was chosen by the popular vote, but until the result of the count is declared by the bpeaker before an united House and Senate it would seem that Mr. Chamberlain must hold over until his successor is qualified.

The question of the legality of the

House then is of supreme importance and it is to be hoped that the presence of the Congressional committee may accelerate the arriving at some method of bringing order out of chaos and restoring peace and prosperity.

Jacob Williman, Esq., clerk of court for Charleston county, under the advice

must another election be held ?

Per Square, first Insertion bas given rise to the question whether Ascher, on the south side of the railroad tax sales and high costs to lead them to what is known in parliamentary language Von Dohleu's large dwelling and store disregard such insane advice. If the as the law of quorum. The Republican attached, Stern's store, Gyles & Bros. Chamberlain-Mackey government can be House in South Carolina organized with store, and the Palmetto Hotel, were also four majority of all the members to whom not with a majority of the members con-House, when it met, consisted of a minority of those to whom legal certificates were issued and of several persons claiming to be elected from the countres of Laurens and Edgefield. These persons, who did not hold legal certificates, participated in the organization of the House, Without them it's admitted that no quorum would have been present Subsequently a sufficient number of members holding legal certificates went over from the Republican House to the Democratic. The question is whether a quoble sites for a naval station at Port Royal rum thus gained, after the organization is completed, is a legal one. One of the best parliamentarians in Washington gave his opinion to-day as tollows: "I ocheve that nothing in parliamentary law is better established than the law of for vessels stationed in the West Indies | quorum; that law certainly requires that a majority of all the members constituting a legislative body shall be present and participate in the proceedings before any business can be transacted or the body can even be organized. If unsett-He has introduced an act in the Wallace led contests exist in any districts, and no House for that purpose and we expect to legal certificates have been issued to representatives of those districts, that fact does not make it competent for any number of members less than a majority of the whole to make a quorum or proceed with business." If this opinion is a correct one, than neither of the two Houses of Representatives in South Carolina has been legally organized, and the admission of a sufficient number to make a quorum Would it not be well if a division is to be into an illegally organized body does not make that organization conform to the

> Mr. Chamberlain is not disposed to shoulder the responsibility of the action of the soldiers in excluding the Democrats from the State House. He says No United States troops have at any time been placed under my control or that of any other persons than the proper officers of the army. Gen. Ruger has acted was his turn to make another explana-

Governor Hays says, "I have too much taith in the common sense of the Ameriwhich the lawful authorities shall arrive, The body of men presided over by A. you and I will quietly submit; and I M. Mackey never possessed a legal quo- have sufficient respect and confidence in giving them as the true returns. Speaker rum and its pretence of being a House of the great majority of the opposition party Wallace then declared Hampton duly pay Mackey \$1,000 extra for his services

There is one man, Mr. John J. Long, in Louisiana that sets an example that it would be well for some South Carolina politicians to follow. He was counted in by the returning board of that State and at once wrote them as follows:

"I have learned your honorable body has returned me as elected to the lower House of the Legislature from the parish of DeSoto. Permit me to return my thanks for the honor conferred, but, at the same time, permit me to say that I am unwilling to accept the position. I am a Republican from the firm conviction that the principles of that party are the best for the whole country. It is also true that I was the regular nominee serter. The oppropriation bill was reof the party in the parish of DeSoto, for the Legislature, and did more than any member of the party in that parish to organize it and advance its interests. But, sir, knowing as I do that I was fairly defeated at the polls, no intimidation or fraud having been practiced by the opposite party at any precinct in the parish after a thorough investigation, my self respect will not permit me to accept the position. I am a planter, not a politician, and all my interests are here. But sir, I cannot believe that the good of the State or of the National Republican party can be promoted by returning as elected a candidate so clearly defeated as my-

The gin house of Mr. John S. Richardof Col. C. H. Siminton declines to deliver son, in Sumter county, was destroyed by up the office to the clerk elected last fire last week. Three colored boys, who month on the ground that the election is were in the lint room at the time, were filegal, the law requiring the election of burned to death. It is supposed that cierk to take place in October. Probate these boys had matches in their pockets, or justices of the peace and road over-Judge Buist also declines to surrender and that in a playfur scuffle the matches his office on the same grounds, is advice became ignited, firing the loose lint cotof Messrs, T. Y. Simons, Jan. B. Campton, and that they were sufficiented and several others. Another ballot for Senstor was taken without result, Gen. Butler Thos. F. Screven, vs. Aifred Williams. county officers in tend to do about it we door from the outside could be opened. having the largest number of votes, but corner (raven, Newcastle and Bay streets.

self."

are not yet informed but it is a grave | The sheriff of Williamsburg county requestion and should be at once decided fuses to give up his office to the newlybysome competent tribunal. If the elec- elected man on the ground that Chamtion is illegal the next question is when berlain has no authority to sign a commission.

The Washington correspondent of the A fire broke out in Blackville last New York Tribune says that the latest Thursday morning about three o'c'ock. phase of the South Carolina controversy It originated in the store of Hyman either of the two bodies at Columbia, and consumed the whole block. The each of which claims to be the legal stores of John Newton, Lashers, Stead-House of Representatives, has been legal- man, Messenger, and Diefenbachs were ly organized. The solution of this quest burned. John R. Bellinger's law office, tion depends upon the interpretation of Dr. Lartigue's office, Weisbarm's salour, entirely consumed. The railroad depot legal certificates had been granted, but and express office, the store and dwelling of J. Asher, the railroad guano shed, a stituting a full House. The Democratic dwelling belonging to Dr. Stevens, unoccupied, and several smaller buildings were also destroyed. The loss is estimated at about \$40,000, partly insured. The fire is supposed to be the work of incendiarism.

> A stern-wheel steamer called the Minisceongo exploded her boiler in Ashley river last Wednesday and was blown to pieces and sunk. The captain and three others were killed, the only one saved in new bills among others introduced being the engineer who was blown fifty feet and was rescued in an insensible condition.

COLUMBIA NEWS

The Democratic members of the Sennesday and voted for U.S. Senator but was no election. One remarkable incibut one vote in the Republican House, A resolution was adopted to notify the Senate that the House would on the next day spen the returns for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

In the Senate Critten and Nash took for the members and attaches.

In the Mackey House the first business was to provide for the payment of the members salaries and certificates were unanimously ordered to be issued. The bly adjourn on the 22nd instant was of Charleston county for the benefit of C

Thursday was a great day for the Democracy. The Wallace House cast z formal ballot for Senator but no quorum D mo rats to hold their ground and if voting then preceded to the declaration of the vote for G. vernor and Lieutenant Governor. Tom Hamilton d from Secretary of State Hayne was read additional tax in counties. elected Governor and Simpson elected as Sp. aker created considerable debate, Lieutenant Governor and both gentlemen then took the oath of office before Judge opposed it calling Miller a fraud. Mackey. The ceremony took place in Whereupon Miller called Reed a liar, front of Carolina Hall and was witnessed Gantt accused Miller of being interested by a large crowd besides the Congres- in the steal, when Miller called Gantt a sional committee and other prominent liar, but the resolution passed by a vote men. Gen. Hampton then delivered his of 42 to 17. . Resolution was passed inaugural address which is too long for authorizing the Governor to appoint as our columns. In the Senate the public printing was awarded ag in to Woodruff & Jones at \$30,000 a year, a reduction of \$20,000 from the last contract. The House resolution to issue certificates was

concurred in after which they adjourned. In the Mackey House Gibson, who had joined the Wallace House returned and begged for his seat which was given him after an humble apology from the deported with sundry changes on last years bill after which it was passed its second reading. The resolution declaring the election of the circuit judges void was passed, and the supply bill passed the

third reading. On Friday in the Senate a communication was read from Mr. Simpson declarso far as I have been able to ascertain, ing that he had been duly elected and qualified as Lieutenant Governor and demanding that he be recognized as such The letter was referred without debate to the Judiciary committee with instructions to report with as little delay as possible. The bill to repeal the lien law passed its third reading, and the resolution of the Mackey House declaring the seat of the Chief Justice vacant was passed over. In the Wallace House K, D. Hagood and others. Myers introduced his Coosahatchie county bill; also bills to consolidate the offices of county Treasurer and Auditor; to reduce the cost of advertising delinquent lands; to provide for the election seers; for the registration of voters; for stead in May 1876. the abolition of one term of court, besides

no quorum was present. In the Mackey House twenty constables were authorized P. M. WHITMAN. to receive three dollars a day each. The apprepriation bill was the taken up and after several changes passed to its third reading. A joint resolution that the General Assembly proceed, at such time as may by appointed, for the election of circuit judges was passed. Vanderpool introduced a bill to prevent and punish persons setting up an opposition government to the legitimate State government. Minort i stroduced a bill to authorize Chamberlain to fill vacancies the county offices by appointment.

In the Wallace House on Saturday bills were introduced to reduce salaries; to establish polling places; to regulate the sale of seed cotton; to change the time for the collection of taxes from the Spring to the Fall, and other bills. The Democratic Senators were present and a ballot was taken for U. S. Senator without making a choice. In the Senate Whittemore stated that some time ago when a committee was appointed to destroy cancelled bills of the Bank of the State that \$600,000 of them were pocketed and disappeared. Several bills were introduced but of no general interest.

Mackey's House as usual was prolific were bills fixing salaries; to provide for the election of justices of the peace; to compel children to attend public school; to authorize the hire of convict labor; fixing the salary of members at \$400, &c. Miller introduced a resolution to pay Mackey \$1,000 for his services as speaker ate met with the Wallace House on Wed- but a lack of a quorum prevented its passage. A bill to prevent and punish the Speaker declared that there was no any person or persons for setting up or quorum of both houses present and there maintaining a government of the State in opposition to the legitimate and law dent was that three votes were cast for ful Government of the State came up. Robert Smalls for Senator whereas he got and passed its second reading, and was ordered to be engrossed.

On Monday Gen. Hampton made a demand on or. Chamberlain for the great eal of State and public records but resceived a flat refusal, Mr. Chamberlain declining to recognize Gen. Hampton as occasion to contradict the reports of the Governor. It is now said Gen Hampton Bread, Union Herald and several bills of minor will appoint county officers throughout importance were read and refemed. At the State, and so extend the strife to 12 o'clock the Republican Senators went every portion of the State, and he has and every other article in his line. to the Mackey House and formally de- issued a circular to citizens in every Particular attention will be given clared the election of Mr. Corbin as U. S. county asking for the names of the pre- to Ornamental Pastry for weddings and Senator. Pay certificates were ordered sent county officers and requesting the parties. names of desirable persons to fill said Shop in John Franz' basement store.

In the Wallace House Dr. Ensor. superintendent of Lunatic Asylum, addressed a letter to Speaker Wallace ask-Senate resolution that the General Assem ing aid for the unfortunates under his charge A resolution was adopted to passed unanimously. The tax bill was appoint a committee to address the U. S. taken up and one mill added to the tax. Congress on the condition of affairs in this State. Myers of Beaufort was pur on the committee. Hamilton and Myers made speeches vindicating the course they had pursued and advising the n. cessary meet r. volution with revolution

in the Senate Cochran introduced a resolution to rescind the resolution to adfived another of his big speeches and ther journ and that a recess be taken to the the Democratic Senators appeared, when 20th, of February. Nash from the Speaker Wallace proclaimed the election finance committee, reported favorably on as follows: Hampton, 92,261 votes; the supply bill, with amendments that Chamberlain 91,127 votes, Hampton's increase the whole tax levy of the majority 1,134; Simpson's in cjority 139, bill to to 16 1-2 mills, exclusive of In support of these figures a certificate the Big and Little Bonanza bills, and the

and we are glad to see that George Reed many constables as he thought best.

Chief Justice Moses has been danger ously ill but is recovering. In the mean time the court is doing nothing.

It is not believed that Chamberlain will attempt the arrest of Gen. Hampton when the bill for that purpose

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