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"Pay no taxes," is the latest cry of the Democracy, but the people in Beaufort county have had enough experience in tax sales and high costs to lead them to disregard such insane advice.

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.

Coscahatchie County. N. B. Myers is again working for a division of this county with a view of creating the new county of Coscahatchie.

The latest phase of the political contest in our State is the inauguration of Gen. Wade Hampton as Governor of South Carolina on the 14th, of the month.

The body of men presided over by A. M. Mackey never possessed a legal quorum and its pretence of being a House of Representatives is simply a manifestation of the aggregate impudence of its members.

are not yet informed but it is a grave question and should be at once decided by some competent tribunal. If the election is illegal the next question is when must another election be held?

The Washington correspondent of the New York Tribune says that the latest phase of the South Carolina controversy has given rise to the question whether either of the two bodies at Columbia, each of which claims to be the legal House of Representatives, has been legally organized.

Mr. Chamberlain is not disposed to shoulder the responsibility of the action of the soldiers in excluding the Democrats from the State House.

Governor Hays says, "I have too much faith in the common sense of the American people to think that the desire to see in their country a Mexicanized government."

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.

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 Willman, Esq., clerk of court for Charleston county, under the advice of Col. C. H. Simonton declines to deliver up the office to the clerk elected last month on the ground that the election is illegal.

The sheriff of Williamsburg county refuses to give up his office to the newly-elected man on the ground that Chamberlain has no authority to sign a commission.

A fire broke out in Blackville last Thursday morning about three o'clock. It originated in the store of Hyman Ascher, on the south side of the railroad and consumed the whole block.

A stern-wheel steamer called the Minisecoog exploded her boiler in Ashley river last Wednesday and was blown to pieces and sunk.

The Democratic members of the Senate met with the Wallace House on Wednesday and voted for U. S. Senator but the Speaker declared that there was no quorum of both houses present and there was no election.

In the Senate Critten and Nash took occasion to contradict the reports of the Union Herald and several bills of minor importance were read and referred.

Thursday was a great day for the Democracy. The Wallace House cast a formal ballot for Senator but no quorum voting then proceeded to the declaration of the vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

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SHERIFF'S SALES.—The Sheriff will offer for sale in front of the Court House on Tuesday January 2nd, the following property:

The gin-house of Mr. John S. Richardson, in Sumter county, was destroyed by fire last week. Three colored boys, who were in the lint room at the time, were burned to death.

no quorum was present. In the Mackey House twenty constables were authorized to receive three dollars a day each.

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.

Mackey's House as usual was prolific in new bills among others introduced were bills fixing salaries; to provide for the election of justices of the peace; to compel children to attend public school;

On Monday Gen. Hampton made a demand on Mr. Chamberlain for the great seal of State and public records but received a flat refusal.

In the Wallace House Dr. Ensor, superintendent of Lunatic Asylum, addressed a letter to Speaker Wallace asking aid for the unfortunates under his charge.

Millers resolution in Mackey's House to pay Mackey \$1,000 extra for his services as Speaker created considerable debate.

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