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STATE LEGISLATURE. SENATE. Nov. 30th. Mr. Bennett, pursuant to notice given on Saturday, introduced a Bill to regulate the future issue of Bills, by the Bank of the State of South Carolina, under the denomination of Five Dollars: Read the first time, and referred.

Dec. 3d. Mr. Evans presented the Petition of sundry Citizens of Marion District, praying Legislative aid for the culture of Silk: Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements. Mr. Huger, the Memorial of the City Council of Charleston, praying an annual appropriation by the Legislature, for the endowment of the College and high school of Charleston: All of which, were referred to the committee on Education. A message was received from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that the House had appointed a Committee of nine, composed of Messrs. Frost, David, Wm. Reed, Witherspoon, Brockman, Wardlaw, Irby, Jamison, and Henderson, to attend on the part of the State, the meeting of the Rail Road Company, which is to take place to-morrow, to investigate the affairs of that company, and report the same to the House? and requesting the Senate to appoint a similar Committee, to meet the Committee on the part of the House. A message of concurrence was ordered, and Messrs. Huger, Allston, Heriot, Higgins, and Gregg, were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Dec. 5. Mr. Gregg, from the Committee under a resolution of the last Session, in relation to the expediency of purchasing the Library of Dr. Thos. Cooper, deceased, submitted a report, accompanied by a catalogue of the Library, both of which were referred to the Committee on the Library. Dec. 6. Mr. Huger, pursuant to notice, introduced a Bill to excuse the Honorable Judge Gantt from further duty, and for other purposes: Read the first time, ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Dec. 7. A Bill to authorize the Sheriff of Marlboro', to lodge in the jail of any adjoining District, prisoners committed to his charge, and for other purposes, which had been reported by the Judiciary Committee, was read the second time and ordered to be sent to the Senate. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. Nov. 30th. Mr. Phillips introduced the following Resolution: Resolved, That it be referred to a Special Committee to enquire and report how far several Banks of this State have violated and forfeited their respective charters, by suspending specie payments, and by refusing to extend the usual accommodation to the citizens of this State.

On motion of Mr. Bellinger, the Resolution was amended, by adding "and that the said Committee be directed to enquire and report what course becomes this Legislature to pursue on the subject." The Resolution as amended, was agreed to by the House, and the following gentlemen were appointed to compose the Committee: Messrs. Phillips, Bellinger, Gourdin, Irby, and Burt. Mr. Perry, from the Special Committee, to whom was referred the Preamble and Resolutions, on the subject of collecting information on the Penitentiary System, submitted a Report, recommending the establishment of a Penitentiary in this State; and a Bill on the same subject, which was read the first time, and ordered for the second reading to-morrow; and the Report and accompanying documents, were ordered to be printed.

Dec. 3d. Mr. David, pursuant to notice, introduced a Bill to amend the Law in relation to Retailing Spirituous Liquors; which was read first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow. Resolved, That a Committee of Nine be appointed on the part of the State, to attend the adjourned meeting of the Louisville, Cincinnati and Charleston Rail Road Company, to take place to-morrow, to obtain information on the condition of and to investigate the affairs of that Company, and Report the same to this House; and that a Message be sent to the Senate, to meet and act with the Committee of the House.

Messrs. Frost, David, Wm. Reed Witherspoon, Brockman, Wardlaw, Irby, Jamison, and Henderson, were appointed the Committee on the part of the House under the above Resolution. Message No. 4, was received from His Excellency the Governor, informing the House that he had been requested by the Board of Trustees of the South Carolina College to apply to the Legislature for an appropriation for the completion of the Library Hall: Referred to Committee on Education, and ordered to be printed.

Dec. 4. Mr. John Douglass submitted an unfavorable Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on the Memorial of sundry citizens of Marion District, in relation to the cultivation of Silk: ordered for consideration to-morrow. Dec. 5. Mr. John Douglass presented the memorial of the Agricultural Convention, praying that an appropriation be made for a Geologal and Agricultural Survey of this State, &c.: Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Burt, from the Committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the controversy between the States of Georgia and Maine, submitted a Report, with the following Resolutions: Resolved, That it is the duty, as well as the right of any State, to insist on a faithful observance of the Federal Constitution, by each State in the Union. Resolved, That to demand the surrender and removal of fugitives from its justice, is, by the Constitution, a right, and the arrest and surrender, a duty; that the denial or impairment of that right, is inconsistent with the constitutional obligations of a State, and subversive of the peace and good government of the other States. Resolved, That this right has been impaired, if not denied, by the authorities of Maine, and that this State will never consent

that any State shall become an asylum for those, who are fugitives from the justice of other States. Resolved, That the Executive of this State be requested to transmit to the Executive of the several States, to be laid before their respective Legislatures; to the President of the United States, and to our Senators and Representatives in Congress, to be laid before that body; a copy of the above Report, and of these Resolutions. The Report and Resolutions were ordered to be printed, and made the special order of the day for Tuesday next, at 1 o'clock. Mr. Elmore, submitted the report of the Commissioners appointed under a resolution of the Legislature, passed at its last Session, to enquire and report as to the propriety of purchasing the Library of Dr. Thos. Cooper, to be added to the Legislative Library, the College Library, and the Library of the Appeal Court, at Columbia, recommending that the said library be not purchased: Referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. DeSaussure, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted unfavorable Reports on so much of the Governor's Message, as relates to County Courts, Public Executions in capital cases, Judges arguing Juris as to matters of fact in civil cases; and the communication of D. Brent, Esq., U. S. Consul at Paris. Mr. DeSaussure, from the same Committee, reported by Bill, on so much of the Governor's Message, as relates to the manner of impaneling jurors in civil cases, allowing the parties litigant to strike from the panel two jurors, without showing cause; which was read the first time, and ordered for the second reading to-morrow. Mr. Bellinger presented the annual Report of the Attorney General, on the condition of the District Offices of the Eastern Circuit: Referred to the Committee on District Offices and Officers.

The Rev. ROBERT HENRY, D. D. has been elected Professor of Logic, Rhetoric and Metaphysics, in the South Carolina College, in the place of Prof. THORNTON, who has resigned. The profound and varied learning of Prof. Henry must command no ordinary respect. It must, too, have been gratifying to his feelings to have had this Professorship offered to him without his offering himself as a candidate. He filled the Chair of Metaphysics when we were in College some ten years ago. We admired him then, for his frank, manly and independent course as a disciplinarian, even though we came in for a share of his exercises; and loved him as a man, for his kindness and paternal admonitions. May peace and honor attend him. S. C. Temperance Advocate.

The Rev. Mr. HOOPER, formerly a Professor in the University of North Carolina, and recently of the Furman Institution in Fairfield District, has been elected to fill the vacancy, occasioned by the resignation of Prof. STUART, in the South Carolina College. Those who know Mr. Hooper speak of him as a gentleman of estimable character.—Ibid.

COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT. On Monday last, went off with an éclat very gratifying to the friends of this noble institution. I was attended by a concourse of the intelligent, the distinguished, and the beautiful, from all parts of the State. The literary performances of the young gentlemen were very creditable to them, and the address of the President exceedingly impressive, admirably suited to make a most lasting and beneficial impression on his youthful auditory. Col. Telescope.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Herald says— A not or marriage is spoken of as about to take place in a few months. The nuptials, it is supposed, will exceed in splendor, anything of the kind ever before witnessed in this district. The happy man is the polished and magnificent representative of the Emperor Nicholas, and the equally happy fair one is the young and beautiful daughter of a citizen of Georgetown.—Every body thinks it will be a brilliant match, and every body has a right to think so. The ladies are all envious of her good fortune. The other foreign ministers are unamused, and possibly some of them may fancy American wives, as several have done before. The American women are decidedly superior in point of personal beauty and fascination to the European, and how can foreigners resist?

We understand that the Bank of Charleston, S. C., is now checking on New York, for the Notes of the different Banks in this City, as well as her own. Courier.

Dreadful death from spontaneous combustion.—An unfortunate being residing in a miserable hovel in Eldridge street, N. Y., was on Monday burned to death, it is supposed by spontaneous combustion. Between 12 and 1 o'clock the neighbors were alarmed by volumes of smoke issuing from the windows of the victim's apartment. On rushing in they discovered the woman lying in her bed enveloped in flames, the bed partially consumed and still burning. With great difficulty the fire was extinguished, and the woman conveyed to the Hospital, where at about 5 o'clock last evening she died. No cause for her death can be given. The woman was discovered lying in bed—herself and the centre of the bed in flames—but no traces of how the fire was communicated could be distinguished. It is therefore presumed that the miserable woman lost her life by that well attested, but very rare occurrence, spontaneous combustion. The name of the buried woman did not transpire, as it was unknown to those who conveyed her to the Hospital, and she herself was speechless from the extent of her sufferings. An inquest was held on the body, and the jury returned a verdict that the deceased unknown woman was burned to death. N. Y. Express.

The Governor of Virginia, in his message to the Legislature, states that the Governor of New York has refused to deliver, when demanded as fugitives from justice, two men charged with carrying off from the State a slave owned by a citizen of Norfolk.

BLINDING INFLUENCE OF FASHION AND PREU-DICE. From the S. C. Temperance Advocate. No man, who will look back a few years and recall the sentiments of distrust and embittered hostility with which the adherents to the Nullification and Union parties viewed each other, can doubt the truth of those remarks. We remember when about to settle as pastor of a Church about that time, did not believe there was an honest man in the Union party, and the very next day or the day after, we dined with a Union man, who asserted no less broadly and bitterly that he did not believe there was an honest Nullifier; yet, before that contest, these men had been friends as well as neighbors, reciprocating the kindnesses of social life and believing each in the other's integrity.

The subscription of this State to the Louisville, Cincinnati and Charleston Rail Road Company, is \$1,000,000, of which four instalments, amounting to \$200,000, have been paid up, one instalment having been paid, since the close of our fiscal year. The shares in the Road are \$100 each, those in the Bank are \$50 each, so that the State is a subscriber to the Bank for only \$500,000, and not for \$1,000,000, as stated in yesterday's Mercury—and on her Bank subscription she has paid up one half or \$250,000. The Mercury is in error in saying that the estimated annual profit of the Charleston and Hamburg Road is but \$130,000. Mr. TOPPER offers to take a lease of it for that amount as the annual rent—and of course estimates its clear income at considerably more than \$120,000 per annum, to yield him as lessee, an adequate profit on so heavy a transaction. Char. Cour.

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