

and that, therefore, the parties intended to be protected thereby cannot claim its benefits. The law as thus adjudged works unequally, and while one class of unfortunate debtors is protected another may be destroyed. There is no remedy, however, except by an amendment of the Constitution.

If, in your judgment, the evil is of sufficient magnitude as to render this necessary, I would suggest that the proper steps be taken at this session by the passage of a Joint Resolution looking to such amendment. And it should be remembered that the party now in power is not responsible for this evil, but it results from the want of proper foresight and care in framing the Constitution.

CONTINGENT FUND.

Of the contingent fund appropriated for the use of the Governor during the last fiscal year was \$2,170.34, has expended, leaving a balance of \$2,820.46. There may be one or two claims still standing against this fund; and inasmuch as under the present law on this subject, the funds of one fiscal year cannot be applied to the payment of claims of a preceding year, I recommend that out of this balance I may be permitted to pay these claims when presented. There are also one or two small claims chargeable to the contingent fund of my predecessor, which were left unpaid, and which ought to be paid, and a part of this balance might be used for this purpose if authorized.

W. D. SIMPSON, Governor.

A Fire Near Georgetown.

About 6 o'clock A. M. on the 16th, the large barn on Willow Bank plantation, situated on the suburbs of the town, of Georgetown was discovered to be on fire. The building was filled with rice straw and in the yards was stacked the rice of the plantation, about one hundred yards from the large thrashing building which contained a large portion of rough rice. The building and three or four stacks of rice were consumed. The property belonged to Mr. James R. Parker, who sustained a heavy loss by the destruction by fire of Keithfield Rice Pounding Mill, last year. The promptness and noble work of the fire department protected the surrounding buildings and nearly the entire crop. Otherwise a very heavy loss would have been sustained. It is rumored that strong suspicion rests upon a man, who will, it is hoped, undergo a rigid examination. The loss is estimated at about \$1,000.

Charleston News.

MURDER.—On the night of the 15th inst., a colored man, Wright Lucas, was shot through the head, the gun being aimed through a hole in the chimney of the house he was in, on the plantation of Rev. J. A. Cousar, near Selkirk, in this county. As usual, domestic infelicities and whiskey were at the bottom of it. Sam Lynch and the wife of the deceased were committed on suspicion raised before the coroner's inquest. —*Marion Merchant and Farmer.*

The company commanders of Kershaw's brigade are requested to send a delegate, to Columbia on the 16th of December for the purpose of reviving the association of 1878, and to appoint a time and place for a general re-union. Capt. S. L. Leaphart has also been requested to appoint a committee of five to provide for the meeting on the 16th.

The stage for Georgetown, carrying the mail, was stopped last Monday morning when a few miles from Kingstree, with the evident intent of the parties to rob if not resisted. The purpose was prevented by a passenger who presented his double-barreled gun and threatened to shoot. —*Kingstree Star.*

FIRE IN THE WOODS.—Last week, before the snow and rain, a fire started in Terrell's Bay, ten miles below here, and extended for ten miles in a southwesterly direction, doing much damage to fences and timber in its reach. —*Marion Merchant and F.*

Chief Justice Willard claims that he was elected Chief Justice for six years, and it is stated that he will make a "point" on this issue, if the Legislature elects another Chief Justice now. —*Columbia Yeoman.*

Richard LeGette, colored, age about sixteen, charged with rape on a little white girl 12 years of age, was lodged in jail last week. —*Marion Star.*

During the past eight years wool-growing in California has increased nearly 500 per cent, and the territory now has 700,000 sheep, which will yield the present year nearly 3,000,000 pounds of wool.

The Telephone.

SATURDAY, DEC. 6, 1879.

Solicitor's Report.

We had intended publishing the report of Mr. Solicitor Sellers, submitted at the November term, 1879, of the Court of General Sessions for Horry county; but after giving it a close examination, it seems enough to state in general terms that he commends the condition and management of the offices of the Clerk, the Register of Mesne Conveyance, the Sheriff, the School Commissioner and the County Commissioners. In reference to the School Commissioner he says:

Although the law does not require this officer to keep a record of his transactions, yet this officer does keep an intelligible account of all his official transactions, much to his credit. There are eleven School Districts in this county, and in his book he opens an account with each and every school in the different districts, showing the No. of school, the average attendance, the time taught, name of teacher, amount claimed, amount allowed, &c., which makes the whole thing intelligible and easy to be understood. There are 104 public schools in the county. The 2 mill tax in this county raises this year for school purposes \$2,193.75, and poll tax \$2,102.75, \$4,296.50—less than \$2 to each child attending the schools. This is inadequate to the educational wants of the rising generation.

After highly commending the manner of keeping the books and papers in the office of County Commissioners, he proceeds:

The taxable property, real and personal, in this county, is \$1,151,300, and three mills upon this amount raises \$3,453.90. The estimate for the fiscal year just closed is \$4,675, which is in excess of the taxes collected over \$2,200; but the board hopes by the amount standing to its credit from last year to be able to meet most of the expenses this year. There may be a deficiency in some of the appropriations. The appropriations for the fiscal year just ended are as follows:

County Auditor	\$175
Commissioners	225
Treasurer	175
Jurors' and Witness Pay Certificates	1,000
Clerk of the Court	200
Sheriff	800
Trial Justices	150
Coroner	75
Poor House and Poor	500
Roads and Bridges	800
Public Buildings	50
Books, Stationery and Printing	225
Contingent Fund	300
	\$4,675

It is estimated that there may be a deficiency in some of the items above, which deficiency may be paid by a surplus of some other appropriation or from the contingent fund. Upon the whole the finances of the county are in a sound and healthy condition, and the outlook for the future is cheering.

The Solicitor finds the seeming irregularities complained of by the grand jury in the office of the Judge of Probate under the administration of former incumbents.

The law does not require him to examine the offices of the County Auditor or Treasurer, but they are doubtless all right.

The very complimentary manner in which the Solicitor enumerates the excellencies of book keeping by the Clerk of Court, the Register of Mesne Conveyance, and the Sheriff, if published, would perhaps cause both Mr. Bentz and Mr. Sessions to blush, and we forbear. But every body knows they are careful business men and good book keepers.

The Freedman Defines the Duty of a Jurymen.

The common freedmen of this county have very peculiar notions of the duties and responsibilities of a jurymen, as the following instance will show. A young friend of ours, who has but recently passed his minority, was drawn as a jurymen for the present term of court in Conwayboro, and on receiving his summons from the Sheriff, expressed not only surprise but regret. Besides reluctance at leaving his business, he wound up by expressing his unfitness, stating the fact in proof that he had never been in the court house but once in his life, "and," said he, "I shall not know what to do." A former servant of his father happened to be standing by, and after a few minutes called him to one side and addressing him by the old pet name he had used in slavery: "Now, Sunny, don't you be uneasy. I've been dare. [He served a term last year on the jury.] Don't you know yer right han from yer left?" "Yes," replied Sunny. "Well, now, when yer go into de court house and da call yer name da'll show you whar for set; an' when da put you to try er case da'll swar you, but before da swar you da'll tell you for hol' up yer right han." An' if yer jes remember to pull off yer hat wid yer left han an hol up your right han while da swar you, yer'll be all right; for dat's ebery ting in God's worl yer's got to do."

William C. Romie, a colored lawyer, was admitted to practice in the Court of Appeals at Richmond, Virginia, last Saturday. He is the first man of negro blood admitted to practice at the bar of the highest appellate court in the commonwealth of Virginia, and the lawyer who moved the admission was Captain John S. Wise, a son of ex-Governor Wise, the ardent secessionist.

Chew Jackson's Best Sweet Navy Tobacco.

The Legislature.

This body is at work. But nothing of special interest to the citizens of Horry has yet been done. In another column will be found a letter from Capt. Richardson which gives all which we deem worthy of particular attention just now.

It will be seen by an extract from the *Yeoman* that Chief Justice Willard is likely to give some trouble by setting up the claim that he was elected for six years, and that, therefore, the man to elect his successor is premature. It is reduced to almost a certainty that, if the Legislature proceeds to an election, Judge Willard will leave it to the gentleman elected to gain the office by a quo warranto. This will bring the case before the Supreme Court in which Judge Willard, as an interested party, cannot preside. If Judge McIver is elected, he will not be able to preside in a case involving his own interests. It will then devolve upon the Governor to appoint the Court. But here another trouble comes in. Gov. Simpson is himself a candidate for the office of Chief Justice, and if he should be elected, then what? At this distance from the scene we will only venture to say that office seekers are rather plentiful in South Carolina. It will be unfortunate for this contest to put the general harmony of the public mind at the present juncture of affairs in South Carolina.

Sale Day.

Last Saturday in Horry was more interesting than usual. The Sheriff sold one town lot situated at Port Harrelson, at the suit of J. W. Holliday vs. T. L. Harrelson for \$100. W. L. Buck & Co. purchasers. A lot of turpentine, sold at the suit of R. Jordan vs. W. E. P. Cooper, brought \$21. Mr. E. T. Lewis purchaser. The land of T. L. Harrelson, at Port Harrelson, about 350 acres more or less, sold by J. W. Holliday, Mortgagee, elicited some spirited bidding between Capt. C. Gilbert and W. L. Buck & Co., the latter of whom took the prize at \$3,700, with the obligation to meet their mortgages upon the premises, which we understand ran the price up to \$5,898.80. It is due to state that this is one of the most commodious places in the county for a general mercantile and lumber business, in vessels which cross the Georgetown bar have a difficulty in reaching it with the aid of a tow boat. Dr. Gallbraith bid off a servicable old farm house for \$12.

Congress.

This body met on Monday last, but transacted very little business beyond that of hearing the President's message read; and it seems to have attracted little attention. The Senate suitable notice was taken of the death of the lately deceased Zach. Chandler.

The President, among other nominations, sent the name of G. W. McCrery, now Secretary of War, for Judge of the eighth circuit.

Horry Lodge No 65 A. F. M.

At the regular communication of this Lodge held Dec. 1, 1879, the following officers were elected for the ensuing Masonic year: J. B. Moore, W. M.; C. S. Causey, S. W.; C. D. Gurganus, J. W.; J. A. Mayo, Treasurer; J. T. Sessions, Secretary; H. H. Burroughs, S. D.; A. Z. Banta, J. D.; A. H. J. Gallbraith and J. M. Anderson, Stewards, and James Holmes, Tyler. We understand that these officers will be publicly installed on the 27th inst., at 12 o'clock, M., in the Masonic hall.

Gen. Grant has been around the world taking observations, and he now intimates that he knows better how to run the machinery of a nation than any one else on this continent. The General no doubt thinks he will succeed in centralizing this government with himself at the head as President by right of power. Get out! The people will yet wake up in time to have a hand in the affair.

In favor of ignorance now, and for ever must be the man who would maliciously burn a school house; and he deserves to be put in a dungeon.

Trial Justice W. H. Privett on the 20th ult., united Mr. ABRAHAM PHIPPS and Miss RACHEL HILTON in holy matrimony.

Paris Simpkins has been appointed Storekeeper and gauger in the District of South Carolina by President Hayes.

A Capital Number, and full of interesting and useful information, is the AMERICAN AGRICULTURIST for December 1. A hundred or more articles and items, giving practical hints and suggestions, are illustrated with nearly a hundred engravings. A remarkable article, with accurate sketches of 21 new forms of Barbed Fencing, will interest every owner of a farm or village lot. A variety of hatching schemes are shown up. An important table of many sorts of feeding stuffs, and their comparative value, is given. There are fine illustrations of a Farmer's Christmas Visit; also of Ice-Houses and their filling; the Jack-Ass Rabbits; of Spiders and their Webs; of Mildews; of Christmas Ornaments, and a multitude of other things too numerous to speak of particularly. The 39th annual volume begins now. Terms, \$1.50 a year. Single numbers, 15 cents. A specimen copy, 6 cents. Orange Judd Company, Publishers, 245 Broadway, New York.

The Columbia *Yeoman* says Judge Kershaw is one of the most prominent candidates for Chief Justice.

Incendiary Burning of a School House.

Between 11 and 12 o'clock on Sunday night, the 30th ult., the Pleasant Hill Academy near Hickman's Cross Roads in this County, was destroyed by fire, no doubt the work of an incendiary. We are informed that circumstances point toward the scoundrel who did the vile deed, and although proof sufficient to convict has not yet been found, the patrons of the school are hopeful of bringing him to justice. Mr. James Patterson and the teacher, our young friend J. G. Scarborough, reached the scene of the conflagration in time to prevent the fire from spreading to the woods. The school had been going on about five weeks, and has not stopped. Mr. S. A. Barnes has generously given the use of a house near by in which to complete the present term.

Every man, and woman, too, who is not an editor, knows exactly how to run a newspaper. What a pity that those who should understand the business are entirely ignorant of it.

The only "whip" we have been able to detect here is a boom for Seymour. We do not believe there are fifty Democrats in the State who could be induced to support Grant for the nomination unless the promise of a very soft place was made, and "by authority."

Immigration from Europe to this country is steadily increasing, and one of the most significant features of the movement is that so many of the new comers are English people, most of them of the agricultural classes.

A negro named Mert was elected Circuit Court Clerk of Bolivar County, Miss., over two white competitors, many whites voting for him on account of his superior qualification.

The Augusta Chronicle and Constitutionalist suggests that the legislature build a brick wall around Judge Mackey and start a new penitentiary.

A converted Chinaman in San Francisco gave \$500 to Dr. S. R. Brown just as he was about to leave for missionary work in China.

The Charlotte Democrat is boasting of a farmer who raised 25 bales of cotton on 25 acres of land.

Our Columbia Letter.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Nov. 29.]

Dear Telephone: The meeting of the General Assembly thus far has not been attended with much of special interest. The business from last session, notice of Bills, and motions to adjourn, have been in order this week.

The election of Chief Justice to the Supreme Bench seems to be the leading topic of the day at present. McIver has the inside track. The up country and low country each wants its man. If McIver is promoted the choice of an Associate Justice will be between Gov. Simpson and Judge Pressley, or perhaps W. D. Porter.

The public debt question will not be opened this session. The stock law is going to be passed for most of the counties, but not for Horry. I shall make an effort to amend chap. cxxxix, sec 26 of the general statutes in relation to persons entering upon the lands of another after notice, so that persons having stock robbing on hands of another can scurge or drive it off without being guilty of a misdemeanor.

I expect to secure the establishment of a new voting precinct in our county—Cedar Grove, Buck's Township. Also, a charter ferry at Star Bluff, Waccamaw River. Also to have the charter of Stanley's Ferry repealed.

I have visited the charitable and penal institutions of our State here. The Lunatic Asylum has been enlarged, and separate apartments for the colored families have been built during the present year. The inmates are well taken care of, and the institution is an honor to the State. The Penitentiary walls are nearly complete, all the buildings have been made anew except the stone building containing prisoner's cells. A machine shop is in process of building which, when complete, will afford profitable employment for the convicts. There has been more improvement in this institution than could have been supposed; but it is all due to the energy of our noble Superintendent, Col. T. J. Ippscob, under whose management I think he will soon relieve the state if a good deal of the expense of the institution.

A Resolution fixing the day of adjournment to the 23d of December passed the House, but was tabled in the Senate.

W. H. Vanderbilt has sold \$30,000,000 of stock (250,000 shares) which he owns in New York Central. That is the largest sale ever made by one man.

Ohio iron mills have not been so busy since 1873. Mills at Lancaster, Portsmouth and Urbana have heavy orders ahead.

The Markets.

NEW YORK.

Cotton	12 1/2 @ 12 1/2
Corn, mixed	63 @ 63
White	64 @ 70
Oats	40 @ 41
Pork	11 45 @ 11 75
D. S. Sides	6 1/2 @ 6 1/2
Flour, superfine	5 36 @ 6 30
Extra	6 50 @
Family	6 40 @ 7 87
Hay	60 @ 80
Spirits Turpentine	41 1/2 @ 40
Rosin, strained	1 65 @ 1 65

CHARLESTON.

Cotton	11 1/2 @ 12 1/2
Smo. C. R. Sides	8 @ 8 1/2
Smo. Shoulders	5 1/2 @ 6
D. S. Sides	6 1/2 @ 7
Flour, superfine	5 50 @
Extra	6 00 @ 6 00
Family	7 00 @ 8 00
Pancy Family	8 00 @ 8 50
Rice	6 1/2 @ 7 1/2
Spirits Turpentine	38 @
Rosin, strained	1 35 @ 1 40

CONWAYBORO.

Corn white	80 @ 90
Cotton in seed	23 @ 3 1/2
Low Middling	8 1/2 @ 10
Yarn	90 @ 1 00
Pork	13 00 @ 14 00
Bacon	
Smo. Shoulders	6 1/2 @ 8
D. S. Sides	8 @ 10
Flour, superfine	6 00 @ 7 00
Extra	7 00 @ 8 25
Family	8 25 @ 10 50
Crude Turpentine	
Yellow Dip	2 25
Virgin	2 25 @
Scrape	1 50 @
Rice—clean, per bu.	2 @ 3 50
Good Rough	1 @ 1 25
Hides, per lb.	
Good Beef, dry	8 @
Cocoanut	5 @

GEORGETOWN.

Crude Turpentine	
Yellow Dip	\$2 00 @
Virgin Dip	2 00 @
New Scrape	1 30 @

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