

JOHN W. HOLMES, Editor. JAS. M. RYAN, Associate Editor.

We are not responsible for the views of our correspondents.

The Repeal of the Agricultural Lien Law

We are inclined to think that the repeal of the agricultural lien law was ill-advised. When commercial interests, which have been trained to flow in certain well defined and established channels, are suddenly dammed, there is always danger of public distress and suffering.

door and the fire-place. Enecks' wife was engaged in ironing up to a late hour and it is supposed that the fire was communicated to the pile of light wood and that the inmates were suffocated by the smoke.

State and National News

The Legislature re-assembles on the sixteenth. Rhode Island has enacted stringent laws against tramps. Ex-Governor Tilden will spend a month in Florida this winter.

Senator Conking, the leader of the opposition to Hayes, works eighteen hours a day.

It is now reported that Honest John Patterson will resign—if he does not die. We are not particular as to the manner in which he vacates his office—so that he gets out we will be satisfied.

The notorious J. H. Miller, who victimized the Southern Life Insurance Company to the amount of sixty thousand dollars, the people of Barnwell and Georgia, has been arrested in Fredrickton, New Brunswick, and will be brought to Augusta, Georgia, for trial.

Several hundred destitute and deluded negroes have gone to Charleston to take shipping for Liberia. They say they were "sent for," and will wind-up their voyage in the phosphate mines if they can anchor and get work there.

The tax levy in New York for 1877 was three and one-sixth mills. The Comptroller estimates that two and three-fourth mills will be sufficient for this fiscal year.

A BILL

To authorize and require the County Commissioners of Barnwell county to levy a special tax and to build a Court House and Jail at the county seat of said county.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same:

SECTION 1. That the County Commissioners of Barnwell county be, and they are hereby, authorized and required to proceed without delay after the passage of this Act to cause to be erected in the town of Barnwell, the county seat of Barnwell county, upon the sites where the former buildings stood, or upon such other suitable and convenient sites within the corporate limits of said town, a court house in which the courts of said county shall be held and the public offices kept, and a jail for the custody of prisoners according to the laws of this State.

SECTION 2. That officials shall be provided in said court house building for the sheriff, clerk of the court of common pleas and general sessions, probate judge, county commissioners, county auditor and county treasurer of said county; and the said officials shall keep their books, records and papers in such offices thus provided, and perform their official duties in the same.

SECTION 3. That the said board of county commissioners are hereby authorized and required to levy a special tax according to law, not exceeding five mills upon the dollar of all taxable property in said county, for the purposes set forth in the first section of this act. And the said tax may be collected in three separate annual instalments, one instalment in each year, in order to meet the contracts which said county commissioners may make in regard to the erection of said public buildings, the purchase of materials, labor performed or services rendered in connection therewith; and all such contracts shall be held and deemed binding contracts between the said county and the parties contracted with, and the levy hereby authorized and required shall be made from year to year in order to meet the payments, and the county commissioners, county auditor or county treasurer, either or any of them who shall fail or refuse to perform any of the duties imposed by this Act shall be held guilty of malfeasance or misfeasance in office and subject to the penalties thereof; and any of the bona fide contractors shall at any and all times be entitled to compel the performance of such duties in any of the ways known to the laws and recognized by the court.

SECTION 4. That should the county commissioners be unable to contract for the erection of such public buildings upon such terms as to enable them to extend the collection of the tax herein authorized over a period of at least two years, then, and in such case, the said county commissioners shall cause the jail to be built in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight at a cost not exceeding the amount which should be realized by the collection of a two-mill tax, which shall be levied and collected in said year: Provided, should there be any delay or failure in the collection of any part of said tax in either of the years mentioned in this section, the said board of county commissioners may draw upon the general funds of the county to meet such deficit, which shall be replaced out of said tax for building purposes when the same shall be collected.

SECTION 5. That this Act shall be deemed a public Act, and shall take effect immediately after its passage; and all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act be, and the same are hereby repealed.

The Tax Sales.—Reply of Mr. J. A. Tobin to "Vox Populi."

Editors People

In the last issue of your paper you publish a communication signed "Vox Populi," in which it is stated that the Treasurer's Deputy bid in at least 4,000 acres of the land sold at the recent delinquent sales, and implying that in some way the doing of this was prejudicial to the tax-payers most interested in these sales. The facts are as follows: Pursuant to request made to the Treasurer and to myself I caused to be bid in several tracts for the exclusive behoof of the several parties interested, the understanding being that the parties were to pay the taxes and costs and resume their titles to the property. In some cases this has been done; in other cases I presume it will be done. No single act of mine, in connection with the sale of delinquent lands, has occasioned a cent of additional cost on a tax-payer with which fact no one is better acquainted than your correspondent "Vox Populi," whom I have reasons to be satisfied is Mr. J. C. Dowling, treasurer of this county under the radical administration. I think it comes with peculiar ill grace from that ex-functionary to impugn the motives of any one connected with the treasurer's office, in view of the fact, that through this very office he is now indebted to the State and county in the sum of twenty odd thousand dollars, made away with during the four years of his occupancy of the office under D. H. Chamberlain. His solicitude for the "poor tax-payer" comes too late to be of any practical value, it should have prevailed in the flush days of radicalism, when his party were wringing nineteen and twenty mills on the dollar, annually, out of the "poor tax-payer," who then did not appear to receive much of his sympathy. Respectfully,

J. A. TOBIN.

Barnwell January 8th 1878.

[For The People.]

The Williston Drama

Our community for some weeks back had been on the tip-toe of expectation owing to the announcement that a company of amateur performers would, on the occasion of the entertainment to be given for the benefit of the Methodist Church at this place, render Bulwer's famous drama of "The Lady of Lyons."

The event came off on Tuesday night the 1st instant, at Browne's Hall. A goodly company of the citizens of Williston and the surrounding country filled the hall. The music was furnished by Heath's band, assisted by Professor Woodberry. The stage appointments, scenery and other properties had been admirably got up under the tasteful management of Mrs. Browne.

Knowing the length and difficulties of this play and the high dramatic talent necessary for a due rendering of the leading parts—the deep passion necessary to be developed as the plot proceeded, and the danger of inexperienced hands descending into mere burlesque, we felt some degree of anxiety for the success of our amateurs.

This feeling gradually disappeared as the various scenes of the drama proceeded. It was soon apparent that the dramatic persons had not only fully possessed themselves of the play, but had achieved a far higher triumph in catching its spirit and in arriving at a full conception of the passions portrayed in Bulwer's wonderful production. Its depth, its pathos and its social and political sentiments.

Of course in all such plays success depends upon the art and ability of certain leading characters and we can therefore, without being invidious, point out the merits and demerits of such actors, as by the accident of their roles, are brought prominently forward.

We are compelled to say, then, that the "Claud Melnotte" of Mr. Charles D. Loud, was an admirable piece of acting as we have witnessed for many a day. The same view was entertained by an English gentleman sitting by our side, who had often seen the play performed on the English board. There can be no doubt that Mr. Loud's histrionic powers are wonderful and that with a little more study, particularly in regard to attitude, he would make a first class actor.

Of Miss Della Bell's "Pauline," we may say that it was chastely and elegantly performed. She certainly exhibits decided talent and if she falls below her role in those passionate outbursts, for which Miss Fanny Kemble was so famous, it may be readily set down to the novelty of her position and not to want of capacity. A little more experience will make her a wonderfully successful Pauline. Mrs. Browne's "Madame Deschappelle" was a wonderful production of art. The frivolity of Madame, her ambitious hopes and aspirations, her vain truckling to high sounding titles and her contempt for her plebeian husband were exhibited with wonderful skill by Mrs. B., and the audience fully appreciated her delineation. The villainous "Beausant" was ably portrayed by Mr. George L. Bell, and the "Widow Melnotte" by Miss Della Bell, who seemed to enter fully into the spirit of the character. "Col. Damas," the friendly cousin of the Deschappelles was represented by Mr. Benj. McKibben with the quiet

humor and sarcastic gruffness of the republican soldier.

The minor characters were performed very creditably by the other amateurs, and we have seen many stock companies fall far behind them in their rendering of the play. We think it due to themselves and the great care, pains and expense which have been bestowed upon the getting up of this play that the Williston Amateur Dramatic Club should give the people in other parts of the county an opportunity of witnessing their excellent performance, and we are informed that arrangements are being made for a repetition of the "Lady of Lyons" before long at Blackville. On the 17th instant we understand the play will be repeated at Williston. Miss Bell and Mr. Loud were enthusiastically called before the curtain, where they delivered an epilogue written for the occasion.

After the conclusion of the play, a bountiful and elegant supper was dispensed among the audience by the ladies of Williston and the entertainment most ended with a dance which to the gratification of the young folks, we congratulate the managers upon their success.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE

Is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the Judge of Probate for Barnwell county, on Tuesday, 12th day of February next, at 10 o'clock a. m., for a final discharge as administrator of Richard C. Ashe.

T. M. ASHE.

LOST

It is supposed that Mr. C. Pechmann's on saturday last a note on W. B. Williams for \$84—the note having a credit on it of 65 cents. The finder will please return to

H. I. CREECH.

Private Select School

B. A. McKibben, A. M. Principal

WILLISTON, S. C.

The Spring term of the above school will open on Monday, the 7th of January, 1878.

Terms per quarter of ten weeks:

Primary Branch.....\$ 6 00

Intermediate..... 8 00

Higher..... 10 00

Board can be obtained on reasonable terms in the town. jan10-1f

I. L. TOBIN,

ATTORNEY AT LAW,

ALLENDALE, SOUTH CAROLINA

jan10-1y

THE LADY OF LYONS

Will be performed by the Williston Amateur Club on Thursday evening, January 17th, 1878, at Browne's Hall, Williston, S. C., by request.

The entertainment will conclude with the farce

"BOX AND COX."

Admission, — Doors open at 6:30 performance commences at 7:30.

ROLIN HUTSON

Blacksmith and Wheelwright,

Williston, South Carolina.

An experience of forty years justifies him in promising to give entire satisfaction to his patrons. Turning plows, shovels and scrapers of the most approved patterns made to order at short notice and at hard pan prices. Mill and gin work and horse-shoeing are his specialties.

Buggies, carts and wagons built or repaired in a first class manner. All work warranted. jan10-3m

EDISTO LANDS FOR SALE.

One thousand six hundred acres prime cotton and provision lands on Edisto River and Yarrow Branch, four miles north of Williston, for sale.

On this tract there is a good mill seat, with a substantial dam, an ample and unflagging water-power. There is no better location in the county for a Merchant Mill or Cotton Manufactory. Titles good and the price at which it will be sold is far below its actual value.

For further information apply to

JOHN W. HOLMES,

jan3-4f Williston, S. C.

DR. O. J. BOND,

Surgeon Dentist

Will visit Blackville on the 15th inst. and would be pleased to serve the public professionally. jan3-1m

NOTICE

Parties holding claims against the estate of Cuff Gantt will present them duly attested, and parties indebted to said estate will make immediate payment. GEO. W. GANTT, Administrator. jan3-5f Midway, S. C.

South Carolina—Barnwell County.

By James M. Ryan, Esq., Judge of Probate.

Whereas, J. J. Brabham, clerk of the court of common pleas for said county, hath made suit to me to grant him letters of administration of the estate and effects of Mary Ann Pressey—a derelict estate. These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Mary Ann Pressey, deceased, that they be and appear before me in the probate court for said county to be holden at Barnwell on the 5th day of February next, at ten o'clock a. m., to show cause, if any they can, why said administration should not be granted. Given under my hand, at Barnwell, the 13th day of December, 1877.

JAMES M. RYAN, Judge of Probate.

National House

353 King Street, (BET. GEORGE AND LIBERTY.)

Board, \$1.50 Per Day. CHARLESTON, S. C.

MRS. H. M. BAKER, Proprietress. sep20-1y

A. M. OWENS,

ATTORNEY AT LAW.

BARNWELL, S. C., Practices in all the Courts. sep6-1y

J. M. SKINNER,

ATTORNEY AT LAW,

Bamberg S. C. sep6-1y

A. B. CONNER,

Attorney at Law,

ALLENDALE, S. C. sep6-1y

Given under my hand, at Barnwell, the 3d day of January, 1878.

JAMES M. RYAN, Judge of Probate.

jan3-7f

Now's Your Chance!

Contemplating a change of business our entire choice stock

Dry Goods, Notions, Clothing, Boots and Shoes

Must and will be sold inside of

Thirty Days

Liebman & Adler.

Grahams, S. C.

Jan 10-4f

IMPORTANT FROM THE—

OAK HALL CLOTHING HOUSE.

182 BROAD STREET, AUGUSTA, GEORGIA.

—O—

I am now offering my entire stock of Winter Clothing (which is the largest and the best in the city, and bought at bottom cash prices) at New York Cost. Therefore if you want a bargain in gentlemen's, boys', youths' and children's clothing don't fail to give me a call, as I mean just what I say.

H. BROOKS, Proprietor Philadelphia Shoe House, 182-1-2 Broad Street, Augusta, Georgia.

The Philadelphia Shoe House, 182-1-2 Broad Street, Augusta, Georgia. The largest and best assorted stock of ladies' misses, gents, boys' youths' and children's shoes in the city. All hand-sewed goods guaranteed and only one price asked.

H. BROOKS, Proprietor Philadelphia Shoe House, 182-1-2 Broad Street, Augusta, Georgia. nov1-3m

F. L. Seidemann,

—DEALER IN—

Confectionery, Fruit, Fish, Fresh Meats,

Oysters, Vegetables, Groceries, &c., Blackville, S. C.

Bar and Eating Saloons Attached.

Parties waited on at any hour, night or day. nov8-3m

Philip Meitzler, Jr.,

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Fashionable Boot and Shoe Maker

Hurley's Block, 113 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina.

Orders from the Country Promptly Attended to. nov8-3m

NOTICE

The undersigned gives notice that he will apply to the Judge of Probate for Barnwell county on the 16th day of January, 1878, at 10 o'clock a. m., for a final discharge as administrator of David Seliger.

JOHN SEIGLER.

Notice

Is hereby given to all whom it may concern that the undersigned has been appointed the General Agent of J. A. Peacock.

E. J. PEACOCK.

oc25-3m

B. J. Quattlebaum,

DENTIST,

Williston, S. C. E. B.

WILL attend calls throughout Barnwell and adjacent counties. oct25-3m

DIBBLE & IZLAR,

ATTORNEYS AT LAW,

Bamberg and Blackville, S. C.

ANDREW C. DIBBLE, Bamberg.

LAURIE T. IZLAR, Blackville, sep6-6m

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JAMES M. RYAN, Judge of Probate.

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FOR SELLING, 50c. Storage, 25c.

M. O'Dowd,

AND COMMISSION MERCHANT

AT

E. P. Clayton's Fire-Proof Warehouse,

Corner Campbell and Reynolds Sts. Augusta, Georgia.

PERSONAL ATTENTION GIVEN TO WEIGHING AND SELLING. nov1-3m

Uriah Dunn

BEGS leave to announce to his many friends that he has returned to Barnwell with a stock of

Saddle and Draught Horses and Mules, which he is offering low down

FOR CASH.

All styles and prices of horses and mules, which are warranted to come up to the representations in every particular. oct25-3m

Central Hotel

Broad Street,

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

Mrs. M. W. Thomas,

Centrally Located—Convenient to Business.

Notice of Dissolution.

The partnership now existing between the undersigned, under the firm name of A. F. Manville & Co., will be dissolved on the 14th inst. by mutual consent. Parties indebted to the said firm by open account are requested to close the same by payment or note before that date, and those who hold claims against the firm are requested to present them for payment. All claims due the firm and not paid by the 14th inst. will be left to Mr. Manville, who will be authorized to set up or accept for same. All who are requested to pay up by above date, are requested to pay up by above date.

A. F. MANVILLE, F. H. BARNES, jan3-3f

Robert Thomson,

ATTORNEY AT LAW,

Beaufort, S. C.

Harmony Lodge No. 17.

Before the war perhaps this was one of the most flourishing Lodges in the State. It numbered among its members many of the leading men of the county; its treasury was always supplied with means adequate to its wants; it owned a handsome large two-story building, and from any point of view was in a most prosperous condition. In common with all other interests those of Harmony Lodge suffered by the war, so that at its close the surviving members were scattered over different sections of the country; their hall had been burned, their treasury depleted and the final dissolution of the Lodge imminent. In this period of peril a few stout hearts, full of love and devotion to the Order, set themselves to work to reanimate the spirit of Masonry in old Barnwell. Like everything else it was hard, at this particular period, to make much headway in their work; but they were not to be baffled by the absence of great encouragement, and steadily kept on their way regardless of obstacles. Gradually but surely their work bore fruit, and so far as numbers are concerned the present Lodge is in a very hopeful way. Still it is very poor, and has not yet been able to build a hall in which to hold its meetings. The members have contributed as much money to the cause as their means will admit, but owing to the impoverished condition of our people the money so realized is a mere bagatelle. The present administration has, after a conference with the Lodge, determined to call on the brethren throughout the United States for help, and hopes in this way to realize enough money, to build a suitable hall. We understand that there will also be an effort made to raise a portion of the money by private contributions from individuals within and without the Order in our county. We think the move is not only perfectly proper, but eminently wise, and hope our citizens will respond cheerfully and give as much as their means will admit. In making contributions address Treasurer Harmony Lodge No. 17, Barnwell Court House, South Carolina.

A Fiery Holocaust.

On the night of Thursday, the 3d instant, a house on the plantation of Mr. D. F. Sprawl, some three miles from Williston, was consumed by fire, together with the occupants, Stephen Enecks, his wife and two children.

On Saturday an inquest was held by Coroner Jack Fleming, which was adjourned until to-morrow, on account of the absence of several witnesses. From the evidences of the witnesses and the circumstances connected with the burning, it is presumed that the fire was accidental in its origin and that there was no foul play connected with this sad affair. The attending physicians, Drs. Leander Brooks and John M. Smith, were unable to discover any signs of violence on the remains of the unfortunate persons. The evidence of witnesses who had been present some hours before the fire was destroyed showed that the

Merchants throughout the State report better sales and collections this fall than for several years past.

Peach growers in Delaware realize a profit of fifty cents per bushel, or nearly 1,700,000 on the crop of last year.

Freshets are reported in the up-country water courses, which have inflicted serious losses on the planters.

J. W. Collins, republican, defeated Col. Wm. Elliott, democrat, in the election for State Senator from Beaufort.

The Columbia Register wants Moody and Sankey to visit Columbia on their proposed Spring trip through the South.

In Newberry George Johnston, democrat, is elected to the House over the republican candidate by a majority of nearly two hundred votes.

The county commissioners of election in Sumpter county have given the certificate of election to Mr. Johnston, the republican candidate.

The Tennessee Legislature adjourned without making any arrangements with regard to the State debt. The creditors offered to compromise at the rate of fifty per cent. with interest at six per cent.

Dr. B. F. Griffin, of Florence, is now Superintendent of the State Lunatic Asylum. He succeeds Dr. J. F. Ennor, who has filled the position for the past seven years.

The Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives says it is easier to run that body than it is to furnish the motive power for his sausage grinder. He now sympathizes with Mr. Mañtali.

In a late issue of Frank Leslie's Weekly Gen. M. C. Butler is said to have derived his prominence in our State from his connection with the "Hamburg massacre." We advise our people to let that picture paper severely alone hereafter.

The road over the Saltkahatchie at the upper crossing needs the early attention of the road hands. The bridges are in good condition, but the causeway is as rough as one of Sherman's corduroy roads.

The legislative committee appointed to investigate the dark and devious ways of David T. Corbin have discovered a broad trail leading in the direction of the penitentiary, and David's tracks are said to be plainly visible therein.

The new artesian well in Charleston is now furnishing eighty five gallons of warm water per minute, from a depth of eighteen hundred and forty feet.

Broad street, Charleston, has had another serious disturbance. On the 4th inst. Messrs. G. W. Rouse and J. P. Deveaux were shot and seriously wounded by Messrs. E. R. White and Clarence Levy.

The first opinion delivered by Associate Justice Haskell is very creditable. The court held that where the prisoner was sentenced to the penitentiary by a court of competent jurisdiction and although the sentence may be erroneous, it can only be set aside by an appeal taken in due course, as the prisoner can not be discharged by habeas corpus after sentence.