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of our correspondents.

Our contributors and communicants

COUNTY COMNISSIONER'S REPORT.

The report of the board of county ners for Barnwell county for the fiscal year ending flat of Octo ber, 1877, is before us, by which it appears that the whole amount of claims inted to \$14,001.00, of which the sum of \$13,665.10 was allowed. 'Of the latter sum \$18,500 has been paid, and claims amounting to \$168.10 have been audited and will be pilld as book as funds are in the treasury to meet them.

During the year the Commissioners received, respectively, the following ums for their services : J. C. McMil 10 8287.40 : Osborne Dyches, \$218.60, and W. R. Brabbam \$158.25.

Taking everything into considers tion, we think the report reflects the ighest credit on the commission who have had to work under a great many disadvantages, and they de-serve, as they will undoubtedly receive the hearty "well done" of the whole county. With such men h charge of the county finances it is reasonable to hope that ere long Barnwell ounty will emerge from the darkness of debt in which the radicals had plunged her, and once more assume her place in the front ranks.

Editorial Corresponded From Capital

Columna, January 19.—In resuming the role of Columbia correspondent of THE PROPER I find myself considerably embarrassed by the formidable array of questions that 'come and ask fair treatment at my hands. After some hesitation I have determined, in limitation of the road workers of our county, in their treatment of obstacles in the highways, to give to the most important measures pending before the General Assembly a passing fick and the

The first day of the adjourned session was signalized by a general handhaking, comparison of home sitairs, exhibition of beaver bats, the bell tabislators and the restoration in the House of a time-honored usage—the wearing of the robes. On that day, for the first time since the late unasanthess, the Speaker and Clerk umed the rowns so familiar to the older habitues of the capital. Mr. Shephard the young Speaker, looks as Ta dient in his new hattit as a rainbow in Solomon, in all his glory, ever wore a that cost five hundred dollars.

Both the House and Senate are addressing themselves diligently to the transaction of their business, and there seems to be a general tacit agreement that the session shall not extend beyoud the first of March. Numerous mportant measures have been under discussion, but as yet no definite results have been reached in any matters of public interest, as they have been made special orders for fater days, with the view of giving members ample time for investigation of their merits. In a running commentary I islation of the session.

THE LIEN LAW. There is a very decided change of blon on the lien law, a great many members having returned from their homes convinced that some such law for the relief of many worthy is a present and pressing necessity. Several office looking to this end have been ntroduced and are under consideration of the committee on agriculture, who are endeavoring to mature a bill that will be effective, economical and as unable as such a law can be made. The most popular ldes is to give to landlords a preferred lien for rent and advances made to their tenants. There is no doubt of the early the support of their families and the cultivation of their crops.

THE MOFFET REGISTER LAW. A very large number of memor opposed to this law have been bred. They came from all portions of the State and would fill a candlebox-so great is their number. A strong feeling of hostility to the bellpunch is manifested, many members rring a direct tax on retail liquor Virginia are favorable to its workings I am inclined to think that the sound of the bell will soon be heard throughout the state, notifying the public that the 5th February. Theatre gour are on the 15th lnst, near Hartfort, Consaid helping to liquidate the public expecting to enjoy Humpty Dumpty

THEE SCHOOLS.

that it will meet all the necessities of the times and enable every scholar to be benefited by the free school funds. After the adjournment of the Legislature Capt. Thompson proposes to Visit the several counties in the interest of the public schools, and his conferences with the teachers and local school authorities can not fail to give new life and vigor to our educational system

THE PUBLIC DEST. The report of the bond commishe office by or before Monday. This frauds without number or conecience. nesses has thrown a flood of light upon the unmatched raccallty of the repub-Every act of that period-h perfect carnival of corruption—fa marked with unblushing brand, and many a bondholder will be shamed by the exposure of the heartless greed that led him to join the piratical sulers of our State in their schemes to plunder a helpless people. The committee seem to regard their work as s'labor of love, for they are engaged day and night in their investigations and promise an early report.

THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM. The majority of the House Judiciary Committee have recommended the inrease of the number of circuits from eight to eleven. If adopted the circuits would be remodelled, and in their bill I find Aiken, Barnwell and Edgefield included in the third circuit. The minority of the committee have advised the establishment of county courts, on the grounds of efficiency, promptness and economy. It is generally believed that the Supreme Court will sustain the constitutionality of the election of circuit judges on black

THE CHIMINAL LAW. There was an animated discuss in the House to day, lasting to the hour of adjournment, on a bill amend the criminal law so as to make arson, rape and burglary capital offences. The republicans seem to regard it as a party measure, and with a sprinkling of democrats are opposed to its passage. The debate will be resumed on Monday. THE PERITENTIARY.

Colonel Parmele, Superintendent, re ports that four hundred and twenty convicts were admitted into the peni tentiary during the last fiscal year nine of whom were from Barnwell. Fifty-three were sent up for offenses against the person, and three hundred and sixty-seven for orimes against property. Fourteen were convicted of burglary, thirty-one of areon, eightysfx of burglary and throny, and one handred and nigety-pine of grand larceny. Of the entire number received pers of our fathers by ambitious young only nineteen were white, and I think this exhibit an unanswerable urgument in favor of the chain-gang and a stricter criminal law.

man of the Ways and Mean's Committee informs me, unofficially that the tax levy will not exceed five mills for State bur- hafe to say that parties at a distance poses. This does not include the two June, and it is very doubtful whether mill levy for educational purposes. In addition to this levy there will be anoth. garment of blue silk and purple velvet or for county purposes varying with their several needs. There will also be an assessment of real property; at the same time the assessment of personalty is made, by which it is estimated that the revenues of the State will be increased at least two hundred thousand dollars. The collection of the taxes will be made in two instalments as in the last year with the exception that no interest will probably be charged on the unpaid instalment.

The bill to make arson, robbery and tape capital offences passed to a third shall endeavor to foreshadow the leg- reading to day with the amendment offered by mr. Menninger, of Charleston, that juries may recommend to mercy, in which case the punishment shall be im prisonment in the penitenti ry for life The House will engage in night ses sions after to-day, and will dispatch

business much more rapidly. Gen. Cary has been making war Chief Justice Willard, but the campaign will probably be a short one. General Linecomb, Senator from Newberry, today introduced into the Senate a joint resolution to appoint a committee to investigate the Chief Justice, which was ordered for consideration to morrow. The bill to establish Palmetto county Columbia. sage of a law that will enable all out of that portion of Beaufort county dble persons to get the assist- porth of the Savannah and Charleston since that they may find necessary for Railroad meets with considerable opposition in the Senate, but its friends are sanguine of its success. In the House, the Committee on Agriculture have Yes ported a bill to protect the crops of planfers and farmers in the hands of merchants and factors from attachment and Florids. levy for debts due by said merchanis and factors. A very proper measure. Pefer Cooper of New York, Greenback mills on every dollar of taxable propcandidate for President at the last election, has purchased the Limesto

Springs Female College property with the view of devoting it to charitable pur- term expires shortly.

The committee on education have sented an elaborate bill amendatory the school law. Numerous amendatory in will be presented, and I there not long ago. He arose to address the not long ago. He arose to address the meeting and said: "I have made the first base and by the help of the Lord will make a home run."

The inauguration of Gen. Geo. In McCleilan as Governor of New Jersey, took plate on the 15th inst., amidst great pomp and seremony.

A bill has been introduced in Confidence providing for pensions for Mexima. Captain Hugh. Thompson, will make a home run."

Confedenates not excepted.

Charleston, South Carolina.

Charleston is an old city, rich in his teric events and proud in great and glorious achievements of patient per-severance and gittering victories. Since the war of ignorance against civilization and learning (miscalled Re construction) was inaugurated to its close in November last, old Charleston has borne the brunt of the calamitte and afflictions of that war; and a though her prosperity suffered greatly -immeasurably-her people came of too stout-hearted ancestors to rest su pinely inactive during all this time but were ever watching and waiting for the opportunity to free themselves from the bondage of the "destroying hosts." Throughout all this period with patient industry and brave forbearance and honestly conceived and brilliantly advised policy the News and Courie fought the good fight of the people advising them to patience where hasty action would have only despend their despair. For a long time the News and Courier was unaided in the work but a little over a year ago the Jour nal of Commerce arose on the Jourpalistic horizon, and these two spirited and able papers have vied with each other in doing the State the greater service. That these papers have both worked well and faithfully, the fact that the Charleston members of the House of Representatives and the entire city council are democrats proves To-day Charleston stands "free and disenthralled"-once more under the government of her own people, with

the most flattering prospects shead. Charleston being the hathrel market for our people, it will not be con-sidered ainles if we call attention to some of the leading firms. In doing this our mind necessarily turns first to the wants of the planter, and we cannot forbear asking him to call on Hart & Co., the great hardware merchants and dealers in all styles and varieties of agricultural implements. This stock is complete in all departments, and the terms on which this house sells makes it a decided advantage to buy direct from them.

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The Tax Sales Once More.

Editor's People : In your issue of the 16th inst. Mr. J C. Dowling, while conceding that I am familiar with all the duties of the treas urer's office, reiterates the charge that acted prejudicially to the tax-pavers at the delinquent land sales. This I have pronounced to be untrue, and the mat ter becomes simply a question of veracity between Mr. Dowling and myself. As to my connection with radicals and radicalism in the county, it is not necessary to say that my position throughout the reign of republicanism in the State with the same as that of many other true men Wherever, by accepting a proffered office, I could oppose an obstacle to the thieves who were robbing our people I conceived it to be my duty to do so. This is all I have to say new or henceforth to any thing coming from Mr. J. C. Dowling. Respectfully,

J. A. TOBIN. State and National News.

A six year old Savannah cow ha given birth to three calves at one time The meeting of the State Grange will be held in Charleston, instead of

The prosecution of ex-Governor Bul lock, of Georgia, has ended in his acquittal by the jury.

The "butchers, bakers and candle stick makers" of New York demand an inflation of the currency.

John Morrissey, the quondam prize fighter and present State Senator of New York, is very ill in Jacksonville

The city council of Charleston has levied a tax of twenty-two and a half erty in the city. Hon, Geo. H. Pendleton has been elected United States Senator from

Ohio, vice Stanley Matthews, whose sons were killed and wounded.

The inauguration of Gen. Geo. B. McClellan as Governor of New Jersey, took picks on the 15th inst., smidst

Wm. M. Evarts was elected president of the New York Bar Association and Samuel J. Tilden first vice-president at the recent annual election.

Judge Northrop has been renomi nated by the President for U. S. Dis trict Attorney for South Carolina. The Senate has not as yet passed upon it Benator Voorhees, of Indiana, is in favor of inflating the currency, and made in elaborate argument in su port of his views one day last week in the Sepate.

The members of the Louisins re-turning board were arraigned for trial on Friday last. They pleaded not guilty and were released on bonds to await their trial.

A mass meeting was held at Stafford's cross-roads, in Beaufort county, on the 11th inst., at which resolutions were passed urging the present Legislature to pass the bill now pending before it for a division of the county.

On Thursday last the United States Senate indulged in the vaual highfalutin eulogistic tributes to Indiana's "great" Senator, O. P. Morton-"great," we suppose, in the udlimited scope of his rescality towards and hatred for the South.

President Hayes has written to prominent colored man in Florida. who has the emigration fever, discouraging the proposed step, and expressing the opinion that the opportunities for the advancement of the negro race are better in this country than clsewhere.

To an editorial on the subject of the lien law, in the agricultural department of the News and Courier of Friday last, Hon. D. Wyatt Alken strongly supports the action of the present Legislature in repealing the lien law. and discourages any legislation looking to its re-enactment, either partially or wholly.

The New York Maritime Exchange opposes Bland's silver bill. This bill if passed will make silver a legal tender for till debts, whether due by or to the government. Per contra, the Obio Senate has passed a resolution advocating the passage of the bill. The Ohlo S nate is democrafic. The Charleston Chaufber of Commerce takes the same view of the New York Maritime Exchange.

A difficulty occurred in Darlington on the 12th between Mr. F. A. Gilbert one of the editors of the Watchman and Mr. R. W. Beyd, the reputed editor of the News. The occasion was something offensive to Gilbert which appeared in the News, for which a retraction was demanded and refused. The parties were arrested before any serious injury was committed and

placed under bonds to keep the beace. Georgetown Comet". Three colored children were burned to death, one day last week, pour Little River. The mother of the children left them in the house and went to Mr. Elvingston's to grind some corn. When she returned: she found the house in ashes, and the charred remains of the unfortunate children in the ruins. One of the ci ildren was an infant and the others three and five years of age, respect-

"Pick," the Washington correspondent of the News and Courier, says that the sensational rumors regarding an alleged determination of certain radical Senators to declare Senator Butler's seat vacant are the veriest moonshine, and have no foundation in fact. The same correspondent says that some Yank, personating a scolored man, has written a letter to the Bepublican, dated from Anderson Court House, in which it is stated that Hayes' Southern policy is the death-

knell of the negro race, News and Courier: On the 17th inst. H. O. Secrest was arrested in Union county, N. C., five miles from Monroe, for the murder of his wife and stepchild, March 12th, 1977. Mrs. Becrest, who was formerly Mrs. Alice Stevenson, and her four-year old child mysteriously disappeared on the above date. There was suspicion of foul play but no proof. On Monday test a party of hunters were attracted to a secluded hollow in the woods by the howling of dogs. Repairing to the spot they found the bodies of a woman and child, which were identified as those of the missing Mrs. Stovenson and her daughter. Secrest has been arrested. He is doggedly obstinate and refuses to answer any questions. the republican administration collected their taxes on a false valuation of the entire taxable property of the State. A

News and Oourfer : The fact is that few years ago, it will be remembered. the assessed valuation of the taxable property of the State was \$180,000,000. This valuation was reduced by the republicans to \$133,000,000, a performance which the people of the State were, at the time, inclined to believe was very much in their favor. It is now shown beyond a shadow of a doubt that this reduction was in name only, and that there was an understanding between the State comptroller, the State treasurer and the county auditors and treasurers, by which two sets of books were kept. On one set of books appeared the apparent and lower valuation of the taxable property of the State, and on the other the real valuation amounting to \$180,000,000. NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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In accordance with orders from Reg panies will assemble at Double Pond Church on Thursday, the 14th of Feb ruary next, armed and equipped for drift and receiving orders. Capt. Hair's Capt. Croft's, Capt. Ray's and Capt Rhoden's Companies form this battalion and will be expected on the ground with full ranks and at 10 1-2 o clock s. m. Important orders to be promulgated.
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South Carolina --- Barnwell Coun'y. 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 lefters of administration of the estate and effects of Ulysses Sullivan - a derelict estate. There are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Ulysses Suilivan, deceased, that they be and appear before me in the probate court for said county, to be holden at Barnwell on the 25th day of February, 1878, at ten o'clock a. m. , to show cause, if any they can, why said administration should not be manted.

Given under my hand, at Barnwell, the 8d day of January, 1878.

JAMES M. RYAN, Judge of Probate.

Sath 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, bath made suit to me to grant him etfers of administration on the estate and effects of C. E. Burke, -a derelict estate. These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said C. E. Burke. deceased, that they be and appear before me in the probate court for said county, to be holden at Barnwell on the 25th day of February, 1878, 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,

JAMES M. RYAN

Judge of Probate. South Carolina --- Barnwell County. By James M. Ryan, Esq., Judge of Probate

the 8d day of January, 1878,

Whereast J Brabham, clerk of the court of common pleas for said county, bath made suit to me to grant bim let-ters of administration of the estate of the State, and on the other the real valuation, smounting to \$180,000,000; the return to the State being made on a valuation of \$133,000,000. Thus it was that the State and county officials collected large sums which never went into the State treasury, shi, at the same time, a large tax was necessarily levied on the lesser valuation. Now that an honest government has been established, and honest men have been placed in office, every cent of tax pollected will be properly accounted for, and consequently a smaller levy will be necessary to meet the expenses of the state. These are therefore to cite and admonish all and alignular the kindred and creditors of the said Mary and Pressy, 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 ministration should not be granted.

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Notice

Is hereby given to all whom it may con pointed the Goueral Agent of J. A Peacock.

E. J. PEACOCK. oet25-3m

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. 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.

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