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Dua contributors and communicants are requested to get their matter in the office by or before Monday. This will be apt to insure its publication in the succeeding issue,

Editorial Correspondence From the Capital.

Corumbia, February 28.—The close of this week finds the capital enveloped in that dead calm which is popularly supposed to be the precursor of storms. The calendars of both houses heretofore crowded with bills and joint resolutions, chiefly of local and subordinate interest, have been cleared off in anticipation of the great battle on the report of the investigating commission on the bonded debt of the State, which commences on Tuesday next, the 26th inst. The report will be thoroughly discussed, for it presents the most important questions that have yet claimed the attention of the Legislature and upon their satisface tory solution depend, in a great measure, the honor and prosperity of our State and the perpetuity of democratic supremacy. A large party in the Legislature, in sympathy with the pronounced views of the Administration, advocate the recognition of the consolidated debt as the most honorable and economical solution of this vexed question and as also essential to the continued supremacy of the democfuty. On the other hand a strong party desire the repudiation of so much of the consolidated debt as is tainted with fraud, while a small minority favor the repudiation of the entire debt contracted since the war under republican administration and the payment of the debt as it stood previous to the reconstruction era. The legal questions involved are so numerous and intricate that it is very difficult to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion as to which alternative is best for the State, and it is equally difficult to say which of the views presented above is

When the republican party came into sower in 1868 the State debt amounted to \$7,262,231. During the next five years it grew with fearful rapidity, reaching on the 31st day of October, 1873. the enormous sum of \$15,851,627. By the operation of the consolidation act approved December 22, 1873; \$5,965, 000 of the above were repudiated and the balance of \$9,886,627 directed to be consolidated in coupon bonds at onehalf of their face value, so that if their consolidation had been completed the bonded debt of the State would be \$4,943,313.50. By the terms of the act this consolidation was declared to be a contract between the State and the bondholders. An annual tax of two mills for the payment of interest was pledged and the coupons of the bonds were declared receivable in payment of maes for the years in which they fell due.

The report of the commission shows that consolidation bonds and certificates of stock amounting to \$4,395,290.41 have been issued in exchange for old bonds, certificates, &c., amounting to 88,792,779, and it further declares that of these consolidated bonds and certificates of stock \$1,577,835.62 "have been issued in accordance with law," and that \$2.818.454.72 "have not been issued in accordance with law," but does not state what per centage is fraudulent, leaving that to be ascertained by further investigation in case the report is sustained by the Legislature. The report of the committee, supplemented by the testimony of ex-officials of the republican government, shows that the most ingenious rescality was exercised in the consolidation of the debt. Valid and fraudulent claims were combined and every device adopted that was calculated to cover the tracks of their rogues and to make the settlement a finality.

The commission have also presented a report on the floating debt of the State showing that claims to the amount of \$1,046,926.04 have been presented and registered, and that the balance of bills of the bank of the State proved and outstanding and for the payment of which the State is responsible is \$739,179,27. The State is also responsible for \$474. 600, bonds of the Spartanburg and Union Railroad; but the bondholders are willing to compromise at the rate of articles containing the same a tog, fifty per centum for twenty year six per either written or printed, containing

en its guarantee of other milroad bonds with the names of its individual mem. Groceries, Dry Goods. \$ \$2,346,373.80, and she will be unguano or other fertilizer, and a true questionably called on for payment of analysis of such guano or other ferhese bonds, or a large proportion of tilizer. them, for the reads are insolvent and SEC 2. That if any person or per-We may therefore fairly conclude that any guano or other fertilezer in res-The floating indebtedness of the State ex. pect to which the provisions of this

tion for State officers from the espiona There is a silver living to every cloud and a means of honorable relief will come to us. I have given so much time to the debt question that I can only refer briefly to the legislation of the week

The bill to establish voting precincts n the State substitutes in Barnwell county Mixson's Mill for Canaan Fair Church and establishes precincts at Elko

and Farrell's store. It is proposed to amend the election law by placing two boxes at each precinct, the one for State and the other for Federal officers-they are not to be nearer than one hundred and fifty nor more than four hundred and intimidation of the United States

supervisors.

L. Cass Carpenter, who has been for some months an inmate of the Richland county jail, has been pardoned through the instrumentality of his wife, who secured the signatures of many senators and representatives to a petition. He is suffering from consumption and gets only a short lease of life by his enlargement. It is reported that Niles C. Parker will be shortly released on his own recognizance. The numerous friends of Cardozo will be glad to learn that he growing thin prison fare and a pent up Utica do not suit the burly ex-treasurer. and it is to be hoped that it will be long time before his penitence will so reduce him that he can get out through

the bars of Sheriff Pent's hotel. A new eight-page tri weekly paper bearing the suggestive title of the "Straightout Democrat," will be started here un the first of March under the edi torial management of Major Henry S

Rev. Mr. Munhall, a northwestern revivalist, is holding a series of meetings I do not know a field that stands in greater need of his services than this

I enclose list of such acts approved since last week as are of interest.

An act to prevent public officers from issuing checks except upon funds actually to their credit or from paying the

An act to authorize and require the County Commissioners of Barnwell coun ty to levy a special tax and to build court house and jail at the county seat of

An act to further provide for the set tlement of the bonds of the State known as fire loan bonds

An act to establish a new judicial and election county from a portion of the county of Beaufort, to be known as Hampton county.

An act to grant aid to the State Agri cultural and Mechanical Society.

An act to authorize the County Commissioners to change the names of town ships in their respective counties.

AN IMPORTANT ACT .- The following act, which has recently become a law makes some important changes in the duties of some of our public officers. It will be seen that judges of probate will hereafter sell all their property ordered to be sold by the probate Z Cheapest Paper in the South. court, instead of the sheriff :

SEC. 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, now met and sitting in Genral Assembly, and by the authority of the same. That an act to alter and amend an act entitled "An act to revise, simplify and abridge the rules, practice, pleadings and forms of courts in this State," approved March 13, 1872, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

SEC. 2. That on and after the passage of this act all sales of real estate or personal property under the order of the Probate Court shall be made by the Judge of Probate; and all sales under the order of the court where the title is to be made by the clerk of the court, shall be made by the clerk, and all other judicial sales shall be made by the sheriff as now provided by law: Provided, Nothing herein contained shall effect the sales under executions issued out of the courts of trial justices, or those to be made by executors or administrators,

Approved February 2, 1878.

A bill to Regulate the Sale of Guano and other fertelizers.

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 all persons engaged in the manufacturing in this State guano or other fertilizer, or in selling in this State guano or other fertilizer manufactured in another State, shall attach to each sack, barrel or other the name or names of the person or The contingent liability of the State persons, or the name of the company,

arely able to pay operating expenses, some shall offer for sale in this State de three millions of dollars; the bond- act have not been complied with, or of which the analysis attached is ascerdebt closely approximates five mil-tained to be false in material particu-lar, such person or persons shall be despect. This will relieve the clee-guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be change for Country Products

punished by a fine of not less than five hundred tiollars, nor more than five thousand dollass, or by imprisonment in the State penitentlary, at hard labor, for the period of not less than one year, nor more than five years, or both, at the discretion of the Court.

Sec. 3. That this act shall not apply to landholders or farmers furnishing fertilizers to their tenants or em-

SEC. 4 That this act shall take effect mmediately after its passage.

Circular.

ROOMS OF THE DEM. Ex. COM. BARNWELL COUNTY, Feb. 21, 1878. 1. In pursuance of instructions from

the State Democratic Executive Committee herewith transmitted, local clubs of the last campaign with their affiliated colored clubs will at once reorganize by electing officers to serve for the next two years.

2. A county convention to consist of delegates from the local clubs will assemble in Barnwell on the first Monday in May, at 10% a, m. for the purpose of electing a county chairman and other officers to serve for the next two years, as well as to take such other action as may be deemed proper for the good of the party. Representation in the convention will be one delegate for each club and one additional delegate for every twentyfive members. Fractions over twentyfive members will not be entitled to representation.

1. The homination of party candidates will take place later in the cam-

2. As soon as each club is reorganized the president will forward to the secretary at Barnwell, a list of officers with their post offices and the number of members enrolled.

He will also supervise and forward a similar report from his affiliated col-JOHNSON HAGOOD, ored club. County Chairman.

JAMES M. RYAN, Secretary.

N. B.-All clubs that have organized since the last campaign will report the fact, with names of officers and mem. bership promptly to the Secretary.

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Notice of Sheriff:

Notice is hereby given to whom it may concern that all general deputations to ect for me heretofore made to any and all persons (except that made to F. M. Mixson, my general deputy) are hereby this day revoked. In future, parties acting for me will be furnished with special deputations so to do.

J. W. LANCASTER, Sheriff Barnwell County. February 14, 1878;

Mortgagees Sale of House and Lot in Town of Bamberg.

Dy virtue of a power of sale to me made bed, said mortgage being from Mrs. Ann C. Jones to thyself, and dated the 28d day of January, 1878. I will sell, at public outery at Bamberg, S. C., on Saturday, the 16th day of Febuary, 1878, at 12 oclock m, all that certain lot of land, with dwelling house herson, situate in the town of Bamberg; in Barnwell County, and fronting on Broad street, containing one acre, more or less, and bounded on the north by Broad street, on the South by what was formerly known as Black Bird alley, and on the west by Washington street. Terms, Cash enough to satisfy the said mortgage and expenses of sale, and balsince on a credit until the first day of Jan uary, 1879, the eredit portion to be secured by a mortgage of said real estate, and purchasers to pay for papers and recording:
For futher particulars apply to Messis. DinSLE a litan, attorneys at la W. Bamberg S. C.
MARGARET. A. SMITH, Mortgagee.
Bamberg S. C. Jan. 26, 1878.

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Etc.

BLACKVILLE, S.C.

Goods sold low for cash or in ex-

Sheriff's Sales.

Barrett & Caswell vs. H. J. Snider. By virtue of a lien warrant to me di ected, I will sell at the residence of H. Snider, on Tuesday after stlesday, it being the 5th day of March next, the ollowing described property: One hundred and seventy-five bushels of corn, more or less. Levied upon as the property of H. J. Snider at the suit of Barrett & Caswell.

Sheriff's office, Barnwell, S. C., February 16th. 1878. J. W. LANCASTER, S. B. C.

Execution Sales.

Jacob V. Baxley vs. Geo. E. Steadman. By virtue of an execution in the above entitled case, to me directed, I will sell on the first Mooday of March next, at the county seat of Barnwell county, between the usual hours of sale, the followng real property, to-wit:

One plantation or tract of land taining (109) one hundred and nine acres, more or less, situated in said county, and bounded by lands of Simon Brown, J. E. Templeton, Isaiah Nevills, P. J. I. Redmond and W. R. Walsh. Also, One tract of (50) fifty acres, ounded by lands of Simon Brown, J.

C. Templeton and Whaley and by Toby a creek. Also, One tract of (57.1-2) fifty-seven and one half acres, more or less, bounded by lands of Mrs. Sarah Carroll, Mrs. Harriet Allen, M. F. Molony and

P. J. I. Redmond.

Also, One lot or parcel of land in the own of Blackville, having fifty-four (54) feet front on Pascallas street and running back (225) two hundred and twenty five feet to lot of C. E. Larrigue and bounded on the east by lot of Samuel L. Bell

and west by lot of C. E. Lartique. Also, One tract or plantation of land in said county, containing (220) two hundred and twenty acres, more or less. and bounded by lands of W. R. Walsh, Simon Brown, - Martin, I. Nevills, G. E. Steadman and Buford's Bridge road.

Also, Que house and lot in the town of Blackville, having a front on Clarke street of (125) one hundred and twentyfive feet and running back (100) one hundred feet, and bounded by lots of Lartigue, Asher, Meyer and Keeler on the north and A. Vandohlen on the south and east. On this lot is a good dwelling house, kitchen, servants' house and other outbuildings.

Also, All defendant's interest in one ract of (50) fifty acres, formerly beonging to Henry Jowers and bought at

Also, One tract of (50) fifty agres. formerly belonging to Mr. M. B. E. Leigler, and bounded by lands of estate of Samuel Still. E. Hartzog, H. N. Zeagler and J. C. Williams,

Term-Cash. Purchasers to pay for papers and recording.

Also, M. F. Moloney against George I. Fogle. All that certain tract of land lying and being in Barnwell county, containing two hundred acres, more or less, bounded north by lands of 8. Wilkinson, south by lands of B. F. Rice, east by lands of S. N. Walker and west by lands, of Charles O'Brien. Levied upon as the property of George J. Fogle at the suit of M. F. Moloney. Purchasers to pay for papers:

Also, Octavis B. Owens and Emma R., his wife, and Engenia A. Holly against J. C. Holly and others. B virtue of an execution to the directed in the above stated case, I will sell on the first Monday in March next, it being salesday, to the highest bidder the following described property, to-wit : One tract of land containing nine hundred and seventy eight acres, more or less. bounded by lands of Mrs. Jul a Holly on the north, by lands of Samuel Dunbar on the east, by lands of Mrs. Liura Dunbar and Isabel Nobles on the south and by lands of F. E. Dunbar on the west. Terms of sal

ers to pay for papers. Also, Ann Owens and Frances Reddy against Wm. Snelling By virtue of sundry executions to me directed, I will sell at Barnwell on the first Monday in march next, it being salesday; to the highest bidder, for cash, between the usual hours of sale, the following described property, to wit! One hundred acres of land, mcre or less, situate in Barnwell county, bounded on the north by lands of Charles Smith; south by lands of Dr. - Miller, cast by lands of J. P. Platts, west by lands of the estate of J. J. Cater. Levied upon as the property of Wm. Snelling at the suit of of Ann Owens and Frances Reddy. Pur-

chasers to pay for papers. Also, J. D. Rountree against Oscar Hay, Susan C. Hay and Thomas P. Hay. All that certain tract of land lying and being in Barnwell county, contain ing two hindred acres, more or less and bounded north by lands of A. P. Aldrich, south by lands of Dr. Fed Hay, east by lands of Dr. Thomas Hay and west by Lower Three Runs.

Also, All that certain tract of land in Barnwell county containing two hundred and thirty-six acres, more or less, bounded north by lands of John Rosier. south by lands of William Mixson, east by Lower Three Runs and west by lands of William Mixsen and John Rosier. Lovied upon as the property of Oscar P. Hay at the suit of J. D. Rountree: Pur-

chasers to pay for papers.

Also, J. W. Bendett against Andrew Stephens. All that certain tract of land lying and being in the county of Barne well, containing forty acres, more or less, bounded by lands of T. H. Johnson and by the Wood and Tilly lands. Levied upon as the property of Andrew Ste. phens at the suit of J. W. Bennett and or THE Boots, Shoes, Notions, is now resold at the risk or the former HAVANA SEGAR FACTORY, Bamberg and Blackville, S. C. purchaser, who has failed to comply.

Purchasers to pay for papers.

Also, J. H. Kinard against Mary L.

Nelson. All that certain lot in the town

Nelson. All that certain lot in the town of Barnwell, containing one acre; more or less, bounded by lots of H. A. Duncan. Mrs. Mary Ingram (the Fowke lot) and divided by a street from the lot of the estate of J. G. W. Duncan. Possession given January 1st, 1879. Purchasers to pay for papers.

Also, Sigmund Liebman against O.

D. Faust. All that certain tract of land situate, lying and being in the county of Barnwell, containing four hundeed acres, more or less, bounded by lands of A. A. Faust, also Dowling, J. C. and C. T. Dowling and T. A. Anderson. Purchasers to take possession at the expiration of the life of Mrs. R. J. Faust. Levied upon as the property of O. D. Faust at the suit of Sigmund Liebman.

Purchasers to pay for papers Also, E. B. Stoddard & Co. et. al. vs N. Wood & Bro. By virtue of sundry executions to me directed, I will sell at Barnwell C. H., S. C., on salesday in March next, it being Monday, the 4th day of said month, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described personal property, to-wit: Six mules and two wagons. Levied upon as the property of J. N. Wood & Brother at the sult of E. B. Stoddard & Co. et. al.

Also, Christianna Harley vs. Joshua McCreary, at the same time and placer to the highest bidder, for cish, the following described property; one dark bay horse. Levied upon as the property of Joshua McCreary at the suit of Cliffs.

tianna Harley. Also, On Tuesday after salesday in March next, it being the 5th day of said month, to the highest bilder, for cash, at the residence of Joshua McCreary at 12 o'clock m. the following described personal property: Six head of cattle, 500 bushels of corn, more or less; a lot of fodder. Levied upon as the property of Joshua McCreary at the suit of Christianna Harley.

Also, O. B. Owens et al. vs. J. C. and Martin Harley et al, on the same day and at the same hour, for cash, at the residence of Dr. S. J. Brabham the following described personal property: One piano. Levied upon as the property of Mrs. Susan Brabham, deceased, at the suit of O. B. Owens et al against J. C. and Martin Holley et al.

Also, J. V. Baxley vs. G. E. Strad: man; on the same day and the same hour, in the town of Blackville, to the highest bidder for eash, the following described personal property: A lot of general merchandise. Levied upon as the property of G. E. Steadman at the suit of J. V. Baxley.

Sheriff's office, Barnwell, S. C., February 11th, 1878. J. W. LANCASTER,

Sheriff Barnwell County. Order Sales

State of South Carolina, Barnwell county-In the Propate Court-Petition for partition of real estate. lideon Blume and Linsey Blume, petitioners, against Darling Blume et. al.

By virtue of an order of sale made iil admonish all and singular the kindred this case by the probate court of Barn- and creditors of the said Ulysses Suiliwell county, I will sell at Barnwell Court House on the first Monday in March next, all that certain tract of land situate in said county, containing ninety-one. acres, more or less, and bounded by lands now or lately of Simon Brown, Christina Joiner, William W. Hutto and others. The same is sold subject to any interest that Chri topher C. Blume may have in said real estate.

Terms-Cash. Purchasers to pay for Sheriff's Office, Barliwell, S. C., February 11th, 1878.

J. W. LANCISTER, S. B. C. South Carolina, Barnwell county-in the Probate Court.

Ex parte, Benjamin Lynes admillistrator, and Surah E. Harrison and Jam's Richard Harrison, a minut, (by M. U. Tobin, his next friend) widow and child and distributees of William H. Harrison, deceased.

By virtue and in pursuance of an order made in the above stated thise by James M. Ryan, Esq., Judge of Probate, dated 8th of February; 1878, I will sell at Barnwell on the first Monday in March next, it being salesday, to the highest bidder, for cash, between the usual hours of sale, the following described real estate to-xit: All that piece or tract of land situated in the State af resaid and county of Barriwell; bounded north by lands of M. M. Lightsey, east by lands of J. J. Young, south by lands of C. J. Kearse and west by lands of B. F. Lynes and containing seventyfive acres, more or less. Purchasers to pay for papers.

Sheriff's Office, Barnwell, S. C., Feb. uary 8th, 1877.

J. W. LANCASTER, S. B. C. South Carolina, Barnwell county-In the Probate Court-Petition for partition. Cornelius A. Milhous et, al. against Louisa E. Milhous et. al.

By virtue of an order of sale made in this case by the Probate Judge of Barnwell county, I will sell at Barnwell Court House on the first Monday in March next, during the legal hours of sale, al that tract of land situate in the suid county, containing three hundred and thirty-seven acres, more or less, and bounded on the north by lands of Mrs. Weeks, on the east by lands of Henry W. Rice, Jr., and B. B. Sams, on the south by lands of Samuel L. Milhous and William D. Free, on the west by lands of McKinsie Daniels. Terms-One-third cash, and the bal

ance on a credit of one and two years, the purchaser to give bond for such credit portion, bearing interest from day of sale. Such bond to be secured by mortgage of the premises and purchasers to pay for papers and recording. Sheriff's Office, Baruwell, S. C., Fed-

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NOTICE OF FINAL DISCHARGE

Call and see me.

Notice is hereby given that on the sixth day of March, 1878; I will apply to James M. Ryan, Esq., Probate Judge, at his office in Darnwell, for a final discharge as executor of Samuel Youngblood, deceased,

W. G. STRINGFELLOW. jan31 itd

NOTICE OF FINAL DISCHARGE. Notice is hereby given that on the sixth day of March, 1878, I will apply to James M. Ryan, Esq., Probate Judge, at his office in Burnwell, for a final discharge as executor of John M. Joiner; J. W. LANCASTER:

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, bath made suit to me to grant him letters of administration of the estate and effects of Ulysses Sullivan-a derelict estate. These are therefore to cite and vith, deceased, that they be and ar before me in the probate court for said county, to be holden at Baruwell 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

Given under my hand, at Barnwell, the 3d day of January, 1878. JAMES M. RYAN, Judge of Probate.

S. oth Carolina 224-Barawell County:

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

Whereas, J. J. Brabham, elerk of the court of common plans for said count ty, bath made suit to we to grant him etters of administration on the estate and effects of C. E. Burke, -a dereliet 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, the 2d day of January, 1878.

JAMES M. RYAN,

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