

Mrs. Mary Cosgrove of New York sued a railroad company for damages for killing her husband, and the courts decided that a husband is worth just four thousand dollars. A good many wives in South Carolina would sell out in a minute at that price.

Governor Hampton is organizing his State constabulary under Col. Wm. Butler, of Edgefield, who during the war commanded the first regiment of State Regulars. About fifty picked men have been enrolled. This force will make things lively for Chamberlain's men of buckram if the pretender wishes a fight after the troops are removed from the State house.

Judge Stanley Matthews is a brother-in-law of Hayes. He has been nominated by the Republican Legislative caucus to succeed John Sherman, of Ohio, and will be the administration leader in the Senate. This, taken in connection with his letters to Chamberlain and Packard, asking those worthies to withdraw their pretensions, has caused the cold chills of despondency to creep down the backs of the carpet-bagging gentry.

The special committee of the House of Representatives of Rhode Island has reported to that body a resolution in favor of engrafting an amendment on the State constitution, granting to widows and unmarried women, who are taxed, the right of suffrage. There is some reason in this this, in accordance with the principle that there should be no representation without taxation. Women's rights find every year an increasing number of advocates, and if the dear creatures will only wait long enough they will have justice accorded them. It may be a million years off, but that it will come is certain.

Madame Octavia Walton Levert, well known in literary and social circles, died recently near Augusta, Ga., at the residence of her daughter. She was a descendant of a signer of the declaration of independence. She suggested the name Tallahassee for the capital of Florida. When quite young, she attended the debates in Congress, and took reports of the speeches of Clay, Calhoun, Webster, McDuffie and Preston, which were so accurate that these orators referred to them themselves. Her book, "Souvenirs of Travel," in Europe was suggested by Lamartine. She was an intimate friend of Washington Irving, and, of course, knew LaFayette. A native of Georgia, Madame Levert was one of the few Southern ladies who have shone conspicuously in the upper crust of the literary world.

Increase of Pauperism.

The proposed addition to the county poor house by the county commissioners tells its own story. Heretofore the accommodations for paupers seeking admittance have been ample, for while Fairfield suffered so heavily by the war that she possesses but a small share of her former wealth, the number of indigents has not been large. Since the panic of 1873, however, the people have become poorer and poorer. Last year, owing to the small crop and smaller price of cotton, and the political disturbances, there was great financial depression. The stringency still continues in a marked degree, and although the colored people are the greatest sufferers all classes are embarrassed. The increasing number of paupers will entail additional expense, and additional taxation to meet it. While the county commissioners have been careful in dispensing alms heretofore, it becomes them to be especially circumspect at the present time, in order that no undeserving applicant may be received. It is a

pleasing feature that this increased pauperism has not yet produced any perceptible increase of crime. How long we can congratulate ourselves upon this cannot be foretold. One check to this stealing has been the prompt justice that has been meted out to the criminals by the court.

In this connection a suggestion to the county authorities will not be amiss. The expense of dieting prisoners (a large number of whom are vagrants and paupers) in the county jail reaches annually over two thousand dollars, while these vagabonds lead a life of absolute idleness while awaiting court or undergoing sentence. The commissioners, if it is not contrary to law, should procure a penal farm, to be placed in charge of the sheriff, and the prisoners should be made to labor on it so as to support themselves and remove this expense from the taxpayers. The amount thus saved would be ample to maintain any additional paupers that might be sent to the poor house.

In answer to the objections that might be raised, that some parties incarcerated are innocent, and it would be unjust to subject them to penal labor, it might be provided that if any person, after having worked on the farm, shall be acquitted in court, the county shall remunerate him for his labor and thus give him something to start life anew.

Great reforms are needed in the penal and charitable system of the State, and the one just proposed, while simple, would be found effective. Conviction will have more terrors for the lazy vagabond than it now has if he knows that he will have to work for his living. We call the attention of the authorities to this matter.

One night last week, a white man from Worcester, Mass., accompanied by a negro servant, got on the night passenger train of the C. C. & A. R. R. at Columbia on the way to Aiken. The man at once went in search of Conductor Clarkson, and upon finding him, desired to know if he could engage a sleeping berth. The conductor replied that he could. The man then told the conductor that he wished to have his negro friend occupy the same berth with himself. Conductor Clarkson didn't relish the idea of having a negro in the sleeping car, and of course refused to allow it. Both went on to Aiken without their desired repose.

The other heirs of Commodore Vanderbilt recently gave notice to William H. Vanderbilt, to whom the bulk of the estate was left, that the will would be contested. A startling array of legal talent was presented at the surrogate's court on the day appointed for propounding the will. Wm. M. Evarts and ex Judge Constock represented the preponents, Henry L. Clinton the executors, Jeremiah Black, Scott Lord and Ethan Allen for Cornelius Vanderbilt, Judge Stanley Matthews, David Dudley Field and Dudley Field for Mrs. Allen, and Col. Wingate and Mr. Tenny for Mrs. LaBau. When the case was called, each contestant in order withdrew the objections, and a general handshaking ensued all round, much to the disgust of hundreds of spectators who had thronged the court-room. The parties concerned were reticent as to the causes of the abandonment of the suit, but it is thought that William has sliced off about ten of the seventy-five millions left him, and divided it among his hungry kinsmen.

On Friday, at Aiken, four colored men, Nelson Brown, Lucius Thomas, Adam Johnston and John Henry Dennis, were hanged by the sheriff in the presence of five thousand persons. On the second of last November they murdered two Germans, Haussmann and Portman, robbed their house and burnt it together with the bodies of the dead men. Being apprehended, they were convicted in January by a colored jury. They also confessed the murder of a white man named Levine, the burning of an Aiken church, and other crimes. On the gallows they made addresses to the crowd, and one desired the son of his former owner to stand by him until the drop fell. Another negro named Anderson, convicted and sentenced for the same crime, has been reprieved for thirty days by Governor Hampton, in consequence of the alleged discovery of testimony which will acquit him. In this matter Judge Wiggin recognized Governor Hampton by directing the clerk of court to forward to him the application for the reprieve.

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U. S. Internal Revenue

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May 1, 1877, to April 30, 1878.

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A return, as prescribed on Form 11, is also required by law of every person liable to Special Tax, as above.

THE TAXES EMBRACED WITHIN THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAW ABOVE QUOTED ARE THE FOLLOWING, VIZ:

Table listing various taxes and their rates, such as Rectifiers (\$200.00), Dealers, retail liquor (25.00), and Manufacturers of stills (50.00).

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Special Tax Stamps will be transmitted by mail only on receipt from the person or firm ordering the same of specific directions so to do, together with the necessary postage stamps or the amount required to pay the postage. The postage on one stamp is three cents and on two stamps is six cents. It is desired that they be transmitted by registered mail, ten cents additional should accompany the application.



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