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Thurbday, May 3, : ₹: : 1877 R. mi:A IS Javis, Raltor, JNO. S. JEYNOLDS, Aseochato Editor
John Lee, postmaster of Chester has been declared incligible to sent in the Legrislature, and Mr. John J. Hemphill, who received the next highest mumber of votes, has been admittod. Precisely the name point was involved here as in the Oregon ease; but the decision of
Joe Bradley was regarded as alituade. Carry the nows to Cronin.
The New York Legjslature has partially passed an net to cast the Electoral vote of that State by congressional distriets instem of as a
unit. The Stato h:s been gerrymandered by the Republienns, an the operation of such $几$ law would give the Ref publicans twenty out of the thirity-flve votes to which the State is entitled. This estimate is maned upon a clonr Democratic majority of 35,000 in the entire Stato. Such a law weuld not be unconstitational.

Some person styling himself a "repentant thief" has written to the secretary of the treasury, acknowledging that ho stole ten dollays from the Confedorate treasury durtution to the conscience fund instishapo of a ten dollar Confoderato bill, his case should be referred to a conamission of theologiams to decide Whother his reporitance is genuine low preservesa keen eye for busi. ness.
Tho circular issued by the commissioner of agriculture of Georgin, advising the furmers of that state to plant corn, in view of the probable riso in brondstuffis owing to the Europenn war, is well our own people. In case of a general war, Europe will be battle ground and America granary. Trade will be diverted into other channels, and the consumers in the South will have to pay it high price for what food they


The County School Commissioner.
Tho Nciss and Courier, eommen ing upon a recent article of Tur News and Heralid, advocating free
"Is it necessary, however, to have pail shool commissioners? We think not!
Wo believe that a careful exmmimation by our contemporary of the the constitution mad statutes of the State, would result in an alteration of the opinion quoted above. The essential portion of the merhinery thus constituted, and his duties are such as will not be performed proporly umless he bo made responsible oy tho receipt of a salary. That mine-tenths of the commissioners heretofore have deserved no salary this lies in their having never oven pretended to discharge the duties of their office.
These duties aro manifold. They are detined in the Revised Statutes, Chapter xxxviii., and some of them are here quoted:
shall give bond for twice thissioner of his snlary.
It shall be dis duty to visit each school in his county three times a tion, and the branches taught, and the (wrt of teaching in ouch school as shall be expedient, so that uniformi. ty shall be secured in all the schonsis. He sinall noguaint himself as far as practicable with the condition of that may exist, either in the governtion of its pupils, or the method of
then instruction employed in the severnal
ioranches, and shall make such sug. gestions, in private, to the teachers
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sion.
He He shall encourage the formation hal improvement, shall nttend sut neetings and givo advice and in struction ir regard to their conduc and management. Ho shall delivo a public lecture to the people of the purpose of elevating the stand ard of education and increasing pul lic interest in tho sehools. He shall control the curriculum in each
school, nud shall note tho condition the school honses.
iveshath prepare nomual reports, ondition of schools in his of the and making any suggrestions he maty
conceive to bo condricive to educi homal interests. He sha!! serve as the me tham of communication be
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He shand Hersements of sochool funds dis countersigning all sehool warrants on the treasury. He shall sppoint anls with blanks, \&c.
It will be seen that the cuanty chool commissioner's position is his shoulders rests the entide Upo tional system of a county. And no ystem can oven approximate suc coss without the direct super Sipecially is some gruiding hand neeted now to reduce. order cnit of caros. With the sehools runaing moothy, it might be argned that ' general superintendence is necssary, though even in Now Yor , abolish the oflice of count superintendent utterly failed. We he no knowledge of axy State in eossful, that has not county supe intendents. The experience of oth ors should bo $a_{\text {gruide }}$ to us
In South Carolina the schools are a desperately bad way. The poople know nothing of the systom ;
no teachers are not un to the times : the officials have been incompetent or corrupt. Is there in tho system any latent vitality that will of itself slough of impurities and erystalize into a whole? Such a hope is vain. When that which should be a well disciphed army has become a dowithout mob, without orter, lifo, is it made effective by abolishing the oflice of general, by filling the coloncleies and eaptaincies with civilians at nothing per month, and by sufforing any one assumisg to his squad in any way or with any weapons he may see fit? Such in proposition would consion its maler the lumatic asylum.
Yet this is a preeisely analogons ho should is an army of children Who shoth be mareling oll in line They are scattered and straggling everywhere. Their officers have beon recreant to their trnst. Those no would have servel faithfully have been starved and compelled to
labor elsewhere. The army is destroyed, not because it has had ofli rers, but becanse st had noue. Those who so called themselves, were im oosters.
It is propose 1 to remedy the defects How ? By repeating in
another form the evils that existed before. Instead of worthless offi. cers, the army is to have none at all. Instead of a squandered appropria
tion, no appropriation at all. The tion, no appropriation at all. The
privates and non commissioned ofieers must work commissioned offihe only assistance their salvation, cive being from those who may offer it gratis, which aid, being ratis, may be set down at once ns The te hindrance.
ey areory of free sehools is that component parts of a great surveys the entire field and delivers iis orders to his subordinates in com county. These transmit the commands, and, in addition, busy vemsolves to see that each subdipline. Their subordinger disci. rectly amenable to them, os the dito the State superintondent. Tho y highest to the lowest binding the

Another view to take is this. The mited in one. The school commis sioner is the "head schoolmaster" of the county. His businoss is to leach the teachers. Ho must not only possess a knowledge of his subject, but must devote a large share of his ime to it. For this he must bo mid. Take away the head of a arge grammar school, and it fall he county system, and it perishes, The hue and ery raised against he school commissioners is becanse they have been such abominable humberss. But because they were humbugs, can in competent officials be obtaned? We have had abomi nagislators, but the and abominable talk of abolishing these offices they have, insteal, wisely filled them with good men. Fill the sehool system with good men and it will suceeed too. If they camnot be them. If competent apoin be found in the Stat send elsewhere and import them. When local teachbeen in the habit of abolishing the schools. They have raised more money and imported a thorongh intructor. Build up the system, in tead of tearing it down. Pemy wisdom is often pound folly. Retain
the offices and fill them properts and the problem of free education is solved.
He must apologize for the length to article, but we feel constrainree schools. They are the salvation of the state.

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

## Mondsa, April 30.

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A number of bills and joint reso their titles, and appropriately reter The bill to nuthorize county comelectors of their several countics proposition to alter the fence lawe, was made the sperecial order for Thesday. Nay 1 , at 1.30, 1 m.

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Honse of their contempt, have the oath of office a hlministered, and be Thomas. That from Newbery, Mr same conditions. That from Sum
ter, Messis. J. H. Ferviter an Whil hiam $\dot{j}$. Andrews be admitted on the 2. That Jessirs. Will H. Thomas. D. A. Straker, of Newberry, and account of the gross contemp, by
them committed, and the definit attitude assumed against the law and the dignity of the Honse, such acts fonding to overthrow the and that the respective seats which hey cinim be declared vacunt.
Mr. Myers, from the mino
the committee, made the folluwing report: That in the matter of $W$. H. Thomas, a member from New-
berry county, and D. A. Straker, a member from Orangeburg connty,
they be admitted upon the conditions as persons who had pre vonsly been members of the so The first resolution
The first resolution was decided solution and the minority report were made the special order for Thesday at 2 oclock, p. in.
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The following members elect ap. Nared at the bar of the House. pro themselves of their contempt, were sworn, and took their seats: From
Darlington-Messrs. Richard H.
Humbert, Samuel J. Keith, Zacha-
riah Wines and Jackson H. Smith; from Newberry-Mrs. Thomas Keith from Sunter-Mr. J. H. Ferriter.

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