

The State Press Association met in Charleston on the 10th instant. A number of newspaper men from different portions of the State were in attendance. The address was delivered by Dr. G. W. Bagby of Virginia, well known as the correspondent "Hermes" of the Mercury during the war, and as a humorist of considerable ability. We regret extremely that private matters prevented the attendance of both the editors of THE NEWS AND HERALD. Nothing would have been more pleasant than to have met the other members of the press, and to have enjoyed the hospitality of Charleston. A change in the time of meeting would suit us much better.

Newspaper Changes.

The last issue of the Anderson Intelligencer contains the valedictory of Col. James A. Hoyt, and the salutatory of Messrs. Murray and Clinkscalds who succeed him as proprietors.

Colonel Hoyt founded the Intelligencer sixteen years ago, and as its editor has occupied the first position in the weekly journalism of the State. He will gather fresh laurels on the Register.

Mr. E. B. Murray, the present editor of the Intelligencer, has been associate editor for some time. He is a sprightly writer, and takes an active part in political discussions. We predict for him a successful career.

A. M. Speights, Esq., has retired from the Greenville Daily News, and is now keeping a hotel in Greenville. He had a lively paper. He has been bought out by a company. The News should prosper as Greenville is a flourishing city.

The Chief Justice and the Charleston Delegation.

The Radical Senators are throwing every possible obstacle in the way of the election of a chief justice. They demand that the Charleston delegation shall be seated in the House before they will consent to the election.

Now, we see no pressing reason why a chief justice should be elected immediately. All the political cases have been settled, and the ordinary law business can afford to wait till November, in case the two judges now on the bench cannot agree. The House should not suffer the other branch to dictate terms. The impertinent demand of the Senate should be the death warrant of the Mackey crew in the House. If for no other reason, they should be unceremoniously kicked out for this. Moreover, they are not fit to represent Charleston, and they were not properly elected.

Let the House remain firm, and by November, the Senate will have become too warm a place for Whittemore and Nash, and these worthies will either be kicked out of it, or will find themselves in the penitentiary. Patient waiting is no loss. To let the chief justice's election lie over, and to kick out the Charleston delegation, it seems to us, are two measures the House could well afford to adopt at present.

The Criminal Law.

The Legislature is discussing several amendments to the criminal law of the State. It would be a wise measure to appoint a commission now, with orders to report at the next session, whose duty it will be to take into consideration the whole criminal law of the State and to perfect a criminal code. This branch of the law in South Carolina is very defective. The punishment in many instances is disproportioned to the crime, and some crimes are merely misdemeanors, which should be felonies. The whole system should be revised.

The attention of the Legislature is at present confined to the crimes

of rape, arson and burglary, and an attempt is making to restore the death penalty in these cases. In our opinion the death penalty should be imposed for murder, rape and for arson of a dwelling-house. Burglary and arson of other buildings should be punished by long terms in the penitentiary.

The law in regard to embezzlement by public officials is very defective. It is a notorious fact that many defaulters who should have been in the penitentiary have slipped through the fingers of justice. It should be enacted that a defalcation in public moneys makes a prima facie case of fraudulent intent, and the burden of proof should rest with the defaulter to prove his innocence. All combinations made by public officials with other parties to defraud the State by fraudulent contracts, or by overpayments for labor or supplies furnished, should be made felonies. But it is unnecessary to point out the deficiencies in the present system. A committee of lawyers by a careful consideration of the subject could make many alterations for the better.

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

WEDNESDAY, May 9.
SENATE.

The Senate assembled at 12 m. The House sent to the Senate concurrent resolution of inquiry as to the constitutionality of the election for circuit judges on the 16th day of December, A. D. 1875; bill to change the limits of the town of Anderson; bill to authorize the governor to farm or lease out the convicts confined in the State penitentiary. Ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Several bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read by title and properly referred.

Joint resolution relative to officers, members and attaches of the General Assembly, and joint resolution to ratify the amendment to the constitution of the State of South Carolina, relative to the public school tax levy and a tax on polls; bill to amend the charter of the town of Yorkville; bill to provide for the filling of vacancies in county offices, and to regulate the holding of elections therefor received their third reading, passed and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The enacting clause was stricken out of the bill to reduce the pay of jurors.

The House concurrent resolution invoking Executive clemency in behalf of certain citizens of this State held under bonds to answer certain charges in the United States Court, was rejected.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. R. R. Hemphill introduced a resolution that after to-day the House hold night sessions from 8 to 11 p. m. Rejected.

A number of bills and resolutions were introduced, read by title, and properly referred.

Mr. Sheppard, from the committee on ways and means, reported on a resolution to provide for the appointment of a commission to investigate the bonded indebtedness of the State, and submitted a resolution as a substitute entitled "a resolution to provide for a commission to investigate the indebtedness of the State;" also, a bill to make appropriations to meet the ordinary expenses for the fiscal year commencing November 1, 1876.

On motion of Mr. Sheppard, this bill was made the special order from day to day, immediately after the morning hour, till disposed of. A bill to amend the criminal law, being the unfinished business of yesterday, was taken up. This bill, as it now stands, punishes with death the crime of burglary, of rape and of arson. After a long discussion a motion to strike out the enacting clause was defeated by a vote of forty-eight yeas to forty-five nays.

On motion of Mr. Sheppard, the further discussion of the bill was postponed till the next session of the General Assembly.

The House then proceeded to elect a member of the commission to select text books for public schools.

Mr. Petty nominated Capt. Hugh S. Thompson.

On motion of Mr. Andrews, Capt. Thompson was elected by acclamation.

The Chair read a communication from the ladies of the Memorial Association, inviting the members to attend the memorial services to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Miller (colored Republican) the invitation was accepted.

The following bills were read a second time: To provide for sta-

tionery and fuel for the General Assembly; to further reduce the number and regulate the pay of attaches of the General Assembly; to authorize the governor to appoint a trial justice resident in Blackstock. Adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 10.
SENATE.

The Senate met at the usual hour. A number of bills were reported back by different committees and properly referred.

The bill to authorize the mayor of the city of Columbia to exercise certain powers of trial justices received its third reading, was passed and sent to the House.

The vote of the Senate refusing to concur in the House resolution asking Executive clemency for certain persons under indictment in the United States court, was reconsidered.

Mr. Cochran moved the adoption of the following resolution as an amendment:

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be required to communicate with the President of the United States in reference to the particular cases alluded to above, and to ask for such Executive clemency as the circumstances will warrant, upon the assurance that the State of South Carolina will not prosecute any other person or persons of the other political party for any participation in the same offenses for which clemency is now asked; and the attorney general is hereby requested to not. pros. all cases already commenced or that may be hereafter commenced.

The amendment was agreed to by a vote of fifteen yeas to twelve nays.

Green moved the following as a further amendment:

Resolved, further, That we denounce in unmeasured terms the action of the judge of the sixth circuit, in causing the arrest of a Senator and releasing him on receipt of his resignation.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, this amendment was indefinitely postponed.

The resolution, as amended, was then adopted, by a vote of fifteen yeas to thirteen nays, and returned to the House.

Mr. Crittenden offered a concurrent resolution that the Senate and House meet in joint assembly on Friday, May 11, at 1 p. m., for the purpose of electing a chief justice. A vote was taken, and resulted in fourteen yeas and fourteen nays.—Senator Cochran (Rep.) of Anderson voting with the Democrats in the affirmative. The President of the Senate voted in the affirmative, so the resolution was adopted, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence. Adjourned.

The House was not in session, the members having accepted an invitation from the Ladies' Memorial Association to attend the ceremonies of decorating the graves of the Confederate dead buried in Columbia. Adjourned.

The San Francisco newspapers tell of a case of what they call spontaneous combustion of a human being. The story is that a toper, presumably saturated thoroughly with alcohol by long drunkenness, lighted his pipe at a gas jet. Instantly his mouth was ablaze, and he was burned inwardly so that he died. The coroner began an investigation.

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