

R. MEANS DAVIS, Editor, JNO. S. REYNOLDS, Associate Editor.

COLONEL HASKELL delivered an able address to the people of Laurens, last week, on the dignity of honest labor.

THE WASHINGTON correspondent of The News and Courier says that Col. Aiken and Cain and Rainey voted against a repeal of the resumption act, while Col. Evins voted for repeal.

MAJ. T. B. FRASER, of Sumter, has been suggested for Associate Justice. Major Fraser is one of the leading lawyers of the eastern section; and his head is as clear as a bell.

CHARLESTON CLAIMS that the up-country is prejudiced against her; and yet when a mammoth fair for the whole State is in preparation we are told that Charleston is taking no active steps to be represented.

THE UNITED STATES SENATE stood, before Morton's death, thirty-nine Republicans, thirty-three Democrats, Judge Davis, Independent, and Louisiana and South Carolina not represented.

The Judicial Elections.

Apropos of the election of judges, the Register has examined the record and gives the proceedings of the convention that ordained the conflicting sections of the Constitution. It says:

On page 617 of the proceedings, we find the disputed section reported as follows: "The State shall be divided into convenient circuits, and for each circuit a judge shall be elected by the qualified electors thereof, who shall hold his office for a term of four years, and during his continuance in office he shall reside in the circuit of which he is judge."

Mr. C. C. Bowen moved to strike out the word "thereof" and insert the words "of the State," which was not agreed to. Mr. O. M. Wilder moved to strike out the words "qualified electors" and insert the words "by joint vote of the General Assembly."

The question was taken on the adoption of the amendment offered by Wilder, and it was decided in

the affirmative by yeas 65, nays 24. There is nothing further contained in the proceedings relative to the manner of voting for circuit judges until the final passage of Art. 4, which was adopted twelve days after the amendment was passed. The article was read by sections, and as ratified contains the words "joint ballot." How did this occur? It was not by authority of the convention, and the only rational explanation is that the meaning of the terms employed was not fully comprehended by the members present.

If six judges were not chosen in accordance with the provisions of a section in the Constitution, another judge was not elected in accordance with the provisions of a different section, equally plain. In an election by ballot, how can the names of those voting, with the candidates for whom they vote, be entered on the journal? If we are to fly in the teeth of a part of the Constitution, in whatever way the election is held, it seems to us better to disregard that section which is incongruous, and at variance with the whole spirit of the Constitution, as declared in the provisions for other elections.

COMMUNICATED. TRIAL JUSTICES.

Messrs. Editors: Public attention seems of late to have been particularly drawn to that class of officials denominated by statute trial justices. Much has been said and written concerning the system of the administration of the laws by trial justices, and doubtless good grounds have existed for all the complaints that have been made in regard to the system, or rather to the abuses that have grown upon it. It is a well established principle that courts of justice are created primarily to punish evil-doers, and no tribunal so created can accomplish its mission unless directed intelligently, and with an eye single to its original design.

ministration of the office. A trial justice need not be a practicing attorney, but he certainly should possess, or subsequently acquire, considerable legal information, both from the statutes and from text-books. If he is totally ignorant of the laws he is sworn to execute, and has neither the desire nor the ambition to inform himself, then he is committing a crime against society in accepting a position involving so much responsibility.

Forbear, then, Messrs. Editors, to condemn a system that has not yet had a fair trial. Rather expose the abuses that have crept into it. Let the incompetency of those who vainly attempt to administer the laws under it be fully laid bare. If it can be demonstrated that persons possessing the requisite qualifications can not be found to conduct the system properly, then abolish it altogether. There is no doubt but that it has been a great burden upon most communities, not of itself, but because of its abuses. If these can not be remedied, then erase it from the statute book.

LEX.

An oriental traveler describes this busy scene witnessed on historic shores: "Our steamer landed on a beach which was the port of Antioch, where the disciples were first called Christians. There was no town at the water's edge, no people, no wharf. The passengers and the merchandise were put ashore in lighters, which ran up into the sand. A troop of camels, with their drivers, lay on the beach, ready to transfer the goods into the interior. Among the articles landed were boxes marked 'Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass., U. S. A.' showing that they contained medicines and whence they came. These with other goods were hoisted on the backs of camels, for transportation to Antioch. Thus the skill of the west sends back its remedies to heal the maladies of populations that inhabit those eastern shores, whence our spiritual mama came." - Wind sor (17.) Chronicle.

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The State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD.

By O. R. THOMPSON, Esq., Probate Judge.

WHEREAS, Robert Halsell hath made suit to me to grant him letters of administration of the estate and effects of Peter Halsell, deceased;

These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Peter Halsell, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the court of Probate, to be held at Fairfield Court House, S. C., on the 21st day of November next, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand, this 3rd day of November, A. D. 1877. O. R. THOMPSON, J. P. F. C.

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By virtue of a power of attorney given to me by those interested in the estate of D. H. Ruff, deceased, I will offer for sale at public outcry, at Ridgeway, S. C., on the 20th day of November next, the following real property belonging to the estate of the said D. H. Ruff, deceased:

- One lot of land, containing about four acres, on which stands a two story dwelling-house.
Two lots of land, one acre each, on each of which stands a cottage.
One lot of land, containing one half of an acre on which stands a small cottage.
One tract of land on Dutchman's Creek, containing one hundred and twenty-five acres, more or less.

By virtue of authority given to me by the Probate Judge, I, as executor of the will of D. H. Ruff, deceased, will sell, at the same time and place, the following personal property:
One fine Piano (Knabe), 7 1/2 octaves.
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A. F. RUFF, Attorney in Fact and Executor.

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TO Daniel W. Gladden, James Tidwell and Keziah Tidwell his wife, Isiah T. Gladden, William H. H. Mingo and Mary Jane Mingo his wife, legal heirs and representatives of Minor Gladden, who died intestate:

YOU are hereby required to appear at the Court of Probate to be holden at Fairfield Court House for Fairfield County, on the 10th day of December, A. D. 1877, to show cause, if any you can, why the real estate of Minor Gladden, deceased, described in the petition of Eliza J. Powell, filed in my office, should not be divided or sold, allotting to the said Eliza J. Powell one-half, and to the said Daniel W. Gladden, Keziah Tidwell and Isiah T. Gladden the other half in equal proportions between them. Given under my hand and seal, this 4th day of October, A. D. 1877.

O. R. THOMPSON, Judge of Probate Fairfield County

TO the defendants Daniel W. Gladden, James Tidwell and Keziah Tidwell his wife, William H. H. Mingo and Mary Jane Mingo his wife.

TAKE notice that the summons in this action, of which the foregoing is a copy, was filed in the office of the Probate Court, at Winnsboro, in the county of Fairfield, in the State of South Carolina, on the 4th day of October, A. D. 1877.

JAS. H. RION, Petitioner's Attorney, Winnsboro, S. C.

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NOTICE!

THE tax-payers of the town of Winnsboro are hereby notified that town taxes must be paid on or before the first of December next.

WM. N. CHANDLER, Clerk. nov 1-11

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By order of Town Council: WM. N. CHANDLER, Clerk. nov 1-11m

Executor's Notice.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of David H. Ruff, deceased, are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and those holding claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly attested. A. F. RUFF, Executor. oct 13-x8