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The recent storms destroyed a vast amount of property and prevented travel several days.

Mr. Northrop has been removed from the position of district attorney, in consequence of some irregularity in his appointment.

Col. T. Stobo Farrow and W. R. Cathcart were candidates for the position of Clerk of the Senate, vice Woodruff, abdicated. Col. Farrow received the Democratic caucus nomination on the sixteenth ballot.

On the 7th of December, Georgia will vote upon her new constitution, and on the question of removing the capital from Atlanta to Milledgeville. The constitution will be adopted; the capital question is in doubt.

Patterson is behaving most beautifully in the Senate. In the Butler-Corbin controversy, he is sticking to the Democrats closer than a brother. Perchance, repentance has struck him amidstships. All criminals repent before they die or are hanged.

A month ago the New York Times saw fit to cry persecution because the people of South Carolina accused Patterson of bribery. Now, the Times charges openly that Patterson has been bribed by Senator Butler to vote for his admission. That dirty sheet blows hot and cold by turns.

Col. Richard Lathers has been declared elected to the New York Senate by a majority of eleven. Two hundred and fifty votes cast for Judge Robertson, his Republican competitor, were thrown out because of irregularities. Thereupon the Radical papers announce that the Senate, which is Republican, will recount the vote and unseat Lathers. But unfortunately Judge Robertson was one of the "visiting statesmen" who went to Louisiana and promulgated the doctrine that there can be no "going behind the returns." It is retributive justice that this christian statesman is hoist with his own petard.

The Legislature and its Duties.

The Legislature assembled in Columbia on Tuesday the 27th, under far different auspices from those under which that body met last year. As a result of the Democratic victory thus achieved, no soldier paces the State House grounds. The people are once more supreme. The question with the Legislature now, is not what President Grant wants, or what General Ruger will permit; but what the people of South Carolina demand. The eyes of the legislator must be turned homeward.

And no empty spectacle greets the eye. On every hand arise causes for mature deliberation and cautious legislation. The whole State lies prostrate. The people, freed from the heavy political weight, are still laboring under the fearful financial depression which it entailed. Any legislation that can assist in lifting the people up must be enacted. Obstacles must be removed. The State government must become a helper of the people, not an incubus.

It is impossible to enumerate at once all the needed reforms to be contemplated by the Legislature. A few prominent points, can, however, be suggested. In the first place, Judge Wright should be summarily hauled down from the supreme bench, if he does not anticipate matters by resigning. Then the Legislature should cast about and put the ablest and purest jurist, whoever he may be, in the vacant seat. Now is the time to restore the Supreme Court fully to its pristine reputation. The next business should be the regulation

of railroads running through the State, against all of which grievous complaints have been raised of gross violations of the rights of stockholders, and unjust and exorbitant rates of tariff on freights. Another question of serious moment is the public debt. This should be carefully scrutinized, and every dollar of fraudulent obligations thrown out. But the most important and the most perplexing question of all is the levying of a tax for the present fiscal year. The State needs money and must have it. But on the other hand the people are poor, miserably poor, and the profits of the present crop almost infinitesimal. The long list of delinquent taxpayers shows what difficulty has been found in meeting the levy for last year. Can it be imagined that, with another tax in January, this list will not be indefinitely increased? In plain words, the State cannot stand another tax this winter. What portion of a new tax it can pay is for the Legislature to determine. The end to be accomplished is the reduction of the tax to a still smaller figure than at present, and the levy of a portion of it this winter and of the balance next fall.

Every Democratic Legislature in the Southern States has been censured by its constituents. We trust our Legislature will prove an exception to this general rule. The members should act wisely and should have a greater solicitude for the welfare of the State than for their own personal aggrandizement. Let them remember, too, that in making or marring themselves, they will make or mar the State.

HYMENEAL.

MARRIED, on Tuesday evening, November 27, at the residence of O. R. Thompson, Esq., by the Rev. C. E. Chichester, MR. JOHN J. NEIL, to MISS MARY GREY THOMPSON, all of Winnsboro, S. C.

NOTICE.

ALL school trustees, teachers and persons interested in public education are invited to meet Maj. H. S. Thompson, the State Superintendent of Education in the Thespian Hall, at Winnsboro, on Saturday, 1st December, at 9 m. WILLIAM D. RICHARDSON, School Commissioner, Fairfield County.

FAIR NOTICE

TO FINE OPPORTUNITY & CO.

In THE NEWS AND HERALD of the 7th inst., I find an advertisement by D. Sugenhimer, offering for sale my store and adjoining premises in Winnsboro, and occupied by B. Sugenhimer & Co.

And in same paper, under date November 14th, I find J. J. McClure, Adm'r of Est. of Geo. W. Melton, offers for sale, on the first Monday in December next, tract C. of the Cathcart land on Dutchman's Creek. Those two pieces of property, together with all others sold at the mock auction of my property in January, 1875, I claim as mine still, and expect to establish my title to the same in due time, although temporarily deprived of possession by fraud and violence. Violence and fraud.

Persons, therefore, who might be disposed to purchase either of the above described, or any of said property, will do well to consider what I say, before they put any money into it.

JOHN H. CATHCART, Winnsboro, S. C., Nov. 28th, 1877.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

BY virtue of sundry executions to me directed, I will offer for sale before the court-house door in Winnsboro, on the first Monday in December next, within the legal hours of sale, for cash, the following described property, to wit:

Three bales cotton and eight and a half bushels corn, levied upon as the property of Preston Smith at the suit of W. J. Doty & Co.

ALSO, One bale cotton and small lot of seed cotton—levied on as the property of Henry Belton and Ab. Mitchell, at the suit of W. R. Doty & Co.

ALSO, 20 bushels corn, 500 bundles fodder, 1000 pounds seed cotton, 270 pounds lint cotton, 40 bushels cotton seed, all more or less, the property of Benjamin Crosby, at the suit of Henry Jeffers and T. D. Coleman.

ALSO, One bale cotton, 40 bushels of corn, 1000 pounds of fodder, all more or less, the property of Randal Gooding, at the suit of Ruff & Cloud.

Sheriff's Office, Winnsboro, S. C., November 17, 1877. nov 23-11x2

SHERIFF'S SALE. State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD.

George W. Williams (for the use of George W. Williams & Co.) vs. John C. Mackorell, Moses Mackorell, James L. McCullough.

IN pursuance of an order of the Court of Common Pleas made in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale before the Court House door in Winnsboro on the first Monday in December next, within the legal hours of sale, at public outcry, to the highest bidder, the following described property, to wit:

All that lot of land lying and situate in the town of Blackstock in the county of Fairfield and State of South Carolina aforesaid, containing a little less than ONE-HALF AN ACRE, bounded on the west by the Main Street of said town, and fronting thereon eighty-four feet; on the north by Church Street, and fronting thereon two hundred and nineteen feet; on the south by lot of Caldwell and Company, and on the east by an unnamed street.

TERMS OF SALE: One-half of the purchase money to be paid in Cash, for the balance a credit of one year with interest from the day of sale—the purchaser to give his bond with a mortgage of the premises and to pay for all necessary papers. S. W. RUFF, S. F. C. Sheriff's Office, Winnsboro, S. C., November 3, 1877. nov 3-11x2

SHERIFF'S SALE. State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD.

Mary T. Robinson, Stephen T. Robinson and John R. Dukes, as Executors, vs. Robert E. Ellison, Junior.

IN pursuance of the order of the Court of Common Pleas made in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale before the Court House door in Winnsboro on the first Monday in December next, within the legal hours of sale, at public outcry, to the highest bidder, the following described property, to wit:

All that certain parcel and tract of land containing ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY ACRES, more or less, lying and situate in the county of Fairfield and State of South Carolina, bounded by the homestead of Mrs. Ellen Cathcart, widow of Richard Cathcart, by lands of W. B. Craig and Joel Copes, and by the public road leading from Winnsboro to Chester, and being that portion of the tract of land known as the Barkley Place remaining after the assignment of a homestead to the said Mrs. Ellen Cathcart.

TERMS OF SALE: One-half of the purchase money to be paid in Cash, for the balance a credit of one year, with interest from the day of sale, the purchaser to give his bond secured by a mortgage of the premises, and to pay for all necessary papers. S. W. RUFF, S. F. C. Sheriff's Office, Winnsboro, S. C., November 3, 1877. nov 6-11x2

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY virtue of an execution to me directed, I will offer for sale before the court-house door in Winnsboro, on the first Monday in December next, within the legal hours of sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described property, to wit:

All that plantation or tract of land, lying in Fairfield county, containing TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY ACRES, more or less, and bounded by lands of A. J. McGill, George Shedd and others; levied upon as the property of William A. Cook, at the suit of Mrs. L. Kirkland vs. William A. Cook.

Sheriff's office, Winnsboro, So. Ca., November 10, 1877. nov 13-11x2

Sale Under Order of Court.

R. E. ELLISON, SR., Auctioneer. A. Markley Lee, Junior, Trustee of the Bankrupt Estate of J. M. Caldwell & Sons, against Jacob A. Caldwell and Others.

BY virtue of an order of the District Court of the United States for the District of South Carolina, in the above case, will be sold on Monday, the third day of December, A. D. 1877, at the Court House in the town of Winnsboro, county of Fairfield and State of South Carolina, at 12 o'clock, to wit:

All that tract or plantation of land, containing ELEVEN HUNDRED ACRES of land, more or less, situate, lying and being in the county of Fairfield and the State aforesaid, on the waters of Dutchman's Creek, bounded by lands of Thos. Davis, Estate of David Providence, Estate of N. A. Pay, Henry Harrison, Jeter Harrison and others; and having such other boundaries as a plat of resurvey made by B. H. Robertson, D. S., more fully represents.

ALSO, All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with the store-house thereon lying, being and situate in the town of Blackstock, in the State and County aforesaid, fronting on Main street, and located between the lots owned respectively by Culp & Ragsdale and John C. Mackorell.

ALSO, All that lot or parcel of land lying and situate in the town of Blackstock and State aforesaid, fronting on Main street two hundred and ten feet, on south-east by lands of W. D. Richardson one hundred and sixty-eight feet, on the north by — lot two hundred and ten feet, and on the north-west by alley-way one hundred and sixty-eight feet—containing THREE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY (3920) SQUARE YARDS, MORE OR LESS.

TERMS OF SALE: One third cash, the balance in two equal successive annual instalments, with interest from day of sale, payable annually, secured by bond of purchaser and mortgage of the premises. Buildings on premises to be insured, and policy assigned. Purchaser to pay for papers. GEORGE R. WALKER, Referee. nov 10-

Fence Law Election. FOR the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of township No. 10, Fairfield county, a proposition to alter the Fence Law, in accordance with the provisions of An Act of the General Assembly of this State, approved June 7th, 1877, it is hereby ordered that an election be held in said township, on Tuesday the 11th day of December next. It is further ordered that said election be conducted at Horeb Church in said township, and by the following managers, viz: J. W. Robinson, W. R. Rabb, J. B. Robinson. Those in favor of changing the present Fence Law, will use the following ballot: "In favor of altering the Fence Law." Those opposed will use the following ballot: "Against altering the Fence Law." All the laws applicable to general elections in this State will govern this election. The managers are required to make certified return of said election to the undersigned as soon as the result of the same shall have been ascertained. J. A. HINNANT, R. E. ELLISON, SR, G. R. MEANS, County Commissioners for Fairfield County. nov 10-1awts

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ALL parties holding UNREGISTERED school certificates issued prior to October 31, 1873, are required to present the same for registration within ten days from the date of this notice—at the end of which time payments on the same will commence.

WILLARD RICHARDSON, School Commissioner, nov 13-11x2 Fairfield County.

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NOTICE. ALL persons having claims against Jas. R. Aiken, deceased, are hereby requested to present the same, properly attested, on or before the first day of January next. And all persons indebted to Jas. R. Aiken, deceased, are hereby notified to pay up on or before the first day of December next. H. L. ELLIOTT, Administrator. nov 5-11x1

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