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GENERAL GARY claims the credit of having revived the usury law.

THE NEWS AND HERALD, we believe, was the first paper in the State to suggest the adoption of the Moffett bell punch.

CORBIN has had a petition presented in the Senate for a consideration of his case on its merits. Corbin's cheek is incomparable. He had better be referred to the criminal courts.

COLLINS, Republican, has defeated Col. Wm. Elliott for Senator from Beaufort county by 1700 majority. The Democrats expected no opposition and were caught napping. This is a Democratic gain of 3800.

GENERAL LE DUC, the United States commissioner of agriculture, seems to be very energetic, and is determined to perform the functions of his office. If he can succeed in introducing profitably the cultivation of tea, he will have added immensely to the resources of South Carolina.

It is true President Hayes appears to be wavering from the faith, and that he no longer pursues a straight policy. The hot fire he received from the rear has somewhat demoralized him. If, however, he should abandon every advanced and liberal principle he has heretofore advocated, and should relapse into the bosom of his party, he would be doing not more than merely sinking to the low level of all the Radical leaders. Assume that he exerted his influence in behalf of Corbin and Kellogg, how can the Democrats aid Conkling and Edmunds and Blaine in making war on him. Will the Democrats add weight to the force exerted by Conkling and Company to make Hayes back down from his Southern policy? The bloody shirt Radicals are proving immeasurably stronger than that small faction of liberal Republicans of which the President is the leader. The true party policy of the Democrats, even if no higher motive influenced them, would be to bolster up the weak wing of the enemy until the whole opposing party are hopelessly split. But to help Conkling to mash Hayes is but to heap up trouble for the Democrats in future. If by the aid of the Democrats, the Hayes wing prevail, a general contest in 1880 will not be marked by bitterness. But let Conkling once more get to the fore, with Grant as his candidate, and the bitterest contest yet witnessed will be waged. Sectionalism will once more assume gigantic proportions. And the South does not want any more of that. While Hayes may be a backslider, the bloody shirt leaders are incorrigible sinners, who have never made an effort to repent. They have run a straight course of malignity from the beginning, and they propose to continue in this line, for in this is their only skill. The Democratic Senators, therefore, Cockrell, Dennis, White, Eaton and Maxey, who helped Conkling defeat the New York nominations, made a grievous mistake. They are helping to frighten Hayes from the policy that has most helped the South. In this State, too, that miserable wretch Patterson seems to be perplexing the Democratic party; and recent movements indicate that there is a certain wing of the South Carolina Democracy that will back Patterson against Hayes. This is a mistake, and time will show it. The masses in South Carolina take no stock in Patterson. He is a black-hearted and tricky rascal who has been at the bottom of all the stealing and murders in South Carolina. Any attempt to champion him will end in disaster.

The Rev. Mr. Handley, of Virginia, has assumed charge of the Baptist church, in Edgefield.

The State Military Academy.

A very pleasant re-union of the graduates of this old institution was held in Charleston on the 10th inst. Gen. James Conner occupying the chair. A number of addresses were made and resolutions offered. A list of all the graduates who had fallen during the war was read. It comprised, among others, the names of Col. C. C. Tew, Gen. Micah Jenkins, Col. J. A. Dean, of the 7th Arkansas, Col. J. D. Nance, Lt.-Col. Shooter, and a number of majors, officers of the line and privates. It was shown also that the State Military Academy, working up under discouragement, against prejudice, and with meagre support, had attained to the highest rank among the military schools of this country, having in twenty-two years, at the small cost of \$200 per annum for tuition, books, food, clothing, medical attention, &c., educated in a greater or less degree over 1,800 and graduated 264 of the sons of South Carolina, who have discharged the various duties of citizenship in peace and in war, many occupying the highest stations with value and distinction to the State.

It was resolved to have published a history of the Institution prepared by Col. J. P. Thomas. Glowing tributes were paid to Governor Hampton, General Conner and General Hagood.

A permanent organization was effected with the following officers: President—Johnson Hagood. Vice-Presidents—Rev. P. F. Stevens, J. B. White, J. P. Thomas. Corresponding Secretary—Rev. T. H. Law. Secretary and Treasurer—Col. C. I. Walker. Directors—Dr. G. B. Lartigue, Judge Thompson H. Cooke, H. S. Thompson, C. S. Gadsden and A. H. Mazyek. Annual Orator—Col. W. F. Nance. Alternate Orator—Col. S. B. Pickens.

It was resolved that every effort should be made to recover the Citadel from the possession of the Federal government; and that the State Military Academy should be re-established. The meeting then adjourned. This academy was one of the proudest institutions of the past; and was of great benefit in educating the youth of the State, and in fitting them for the military duties she subsequently devolved upon them to perform. We should be pleased to see it rehabilitated at the earliest possible time.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

FRIDAY, December 14, 1877. SENATE.

The committee on judiciary reported favorably on concurrent resolution relative to election of circuit judges; joint resolution to amend the constitution; bill for the protection of landlords leasing land for agricultural purposes; bill to repeal Sec. 8, Ch. 82, Title 1, Part 2, General Statutes, relative to second mortgages. These matters were ordered for consideration tomorrow.

A number of bills were introduced, among them a bill to establish a bureau of agriculture, and to enforce payment of the poll tax.

Mr. Lipscomb introduced a concurrent resolution that a committee of three on the part of the Senate and of — on the part of the House be appointed for the purpose of investigating D. T. Corbin's election, and to ascertain if was guilty of bribery and corruption in this connection, and that it be empowered to send for persons and papers.

The resolutions regarding Hayes and Wheeler were referred to the committee on Federal relations.

The committee on finance recommended that \$13,400 be appropriated to pay off mortgages on the Preston mansion.

The investigation of Patterson was made the special order for tomorrow. Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House agreed to the Senate bill amending the charter of Blackstock. A number of bills were introduced, among them, to secure advances for agricultural purposes, and (by Mr. Gaillard) to make an appropriation to

equip the Hampton Rifle Guard of Ridgeway.

The following reports from committees were presented: From the committee on education, favorable majority report on the bill to provide for the organization of the State University, accompanied by an unfavorable minority report signed by Messrs. Hood and Connor; from the committee on agriculture, favorable report on the petition of citizens of Fairfield to be allowed to adopt the fence law.

The constitutional amendment making judges hold office for good behavior, passed by 64 to 36.

The bill to regulate the sale of guano and other fertilizers was passed without amendments.

The school amendment was postponed to the 19th. The bill to abolish pay for witnesses in State cases was defeated. Adjourned.

SATURDAY, December 15, 1877. SENATE.

Another bill to prevent extortion by railroads was introduced. Also a bill to employ convicted prisoners confined in jails on public roads.

The following special orders were made: The question of the constitutionality of the judicial elections for Tuesday; bill to protect landlords renting land, Monday; the liquor tax for Tuesday.

The resolution to investigate Corbin's election was adopted.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

A number of bills were introduced. Mr. Gaillard presented the claim of the sheriff of Fairfield.

The bills to form new counties were tabled.

The enacting clause was stricken out of a bill to provide for the more efficient working of the public roads and the streets of incorporated towns and villages in this State.

The following were received from the Senate and concurred in by the House: concurrent resolution to instruct our representatives in Congress to use their influence to have established between Charleston and the West Indies lines of mail steamers; resolution asking Congress to make certain appropriations for improvements in the port of Charleston.

The charter of the Georgetown and N. C. Narrow Gauge Railroad was made the special order for Wednesday.

The resolution directing the attorney general to inquire into certain matters respecting the connection of the tracks of the South Carolina and the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta Railroad Companies; bill to declare the law respecting the powers and duties of the circuit judges of the State without the limits of the circuits in which they reside, were passed to a third reading, as were also Mr. R. R. Hemphill's resolution requiring the Speaker and Clerk of the House of Representatives to wear robes; bill to re-establish a ferry across the Catawba River at Landsford; bill to incorporate the South Carolina Immigration Association.

The following was passed and sent to the Senate: Bill to give the Courts of General Sessions concurrent jurisdiction with any other courts in the State.

The bill extending the lien law was discussed to adjournment, Messrs. Connor and Buist favoring it, and Messrs. Simpson and Miller opposing it.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Bishop Howe will visit Edgefield on the first Sunday in January.

Collector Worthington is packing up his duds preparatory to leaving the Charleston Custom House.

President Hayes has recognized Mr. Florence Thomas Downey as Consul of Belgium at Charleston.

Charleston has had a poultry and pet exhibition. The display of poultry, dogs, &c. were very creditable.

Judge Bryan, of the United States District Court, has ruled Mr. Earle, of Greenville, to show cause why he should not be suspended from practice at the bar, for disrespect of court.

Twenty-four applicants are already on file with the newly elected board of school commissioners, of Charleston, for the position of superintendent of the public school. The more the merrier.

The veteran editor of the Edgefield Advertiser thus neatly turns a compliment: "The three bright and beautiful daughters of Judge Wallace, (ex-Speaker,) of Union, will arrive in our town in a day or two on a visit to their aunt, Mrs. H. W. Addison. And may their visit be a long one! Young gentlemen, pray to God for grace to pass safely through the peril that is about to beset your tender hearts."

The Edgefield Advertiser says: "Our people no doubt remember Henry Johnston, the white man, who two or three years ago, in the flush days of Radical villainy, raised county checks from a few dollars to hundreds, and forged and stole generally, and finally managed to escape from our jail and flee to Georgia, where he has been ever since. Some time ago Governor Hampton offered a reward for Johnston, and on Friday last he was arrested in Augusta by Lieut. Prather, of the police, and brought to Edgefield that night. He is now in our jail. God is overtaking them all!"

TAX NOTICE.

OFFICE COUNTY AUDITOR. WINNSBORO, S. C., Dec. 17, 1877.

In accordance with instructions from the Comptroller-General, I hereby publish the list of delinquent lands of Fairfield county for the fiscal years 1875 and 1876.

- Join English, township no. 1, taxes 1875 and 1876, 150 acres. Richard O'Neal, township no. 1, 394 acres. Edward J. Means, township no. 1, 353 acres. Pink D. Hinson, township no. 2, 3 lots and 1 building. Jacob A. Caldwell, township no. 2, 840 acres. Nancy J. Dove, township no. 2, 151 acres. Anderson Mayo, township no. 2, 200 acres. Mrs. Annie Wages, township no. 2, 50 acres. Estate Margaret McCullough, township no. 3, 325 acres. Estate M. M. Wylie, township no. 3, 431 acres. John C. Muckorell, township no. 4, 1 lot. Tilman D. Gibson, township no. 4, 260 acres. Mrs. E. E. Rabb, township no. 4, 1 lot and 1 building. Estate Robert Lewis, township no. 5, taxes 1875-76, 1701 acres. Joseph D. Aiken, trustee, township no. 5, 849 acres. Henry Heins, township no. 6, 492 acres and 5 buildings. Mrs. R. G. Lamar, township no. 6, 915 acres. Sancho Ruff, township no. 6, 29 acres. Estate D. D. Watts, township no. 6, 250 acres and 1 building. Davis A. Coleman, township no. 8, 254 acres. Eustacia C. Chappell, township no. 8, 24 acres and 1 building. Mrs. Essie R. Durham, township no. 8, 252 acres. Brister Kinsler, township no. 8, 30 acres. John Taylor, for children, township no. 8, 200 acres. Estate Mary Vaughn, township no. 8, 287 acres. Jacob Bookman, township no. 9, 700 acres and 2 buildings. Copeland & Bearden, township no. 9, 204 acres. Annie R. Simmons, township no. 9, 50 acres and 1 building. Wm. A. Cook, township no. 10, 212 acres. Joel P. Fanley, township no. 10, 530 acres. Estate Cynthia Duggins, township no. 13, 87 acres. Estate John J. McMahon, township no. 13, 185 acres and 1 building. R. O'Neal & Son, township no. 13, 450 acres. Notice is hereby given that the whole of the several parcels, lots and parts of lots of Real Estate described in the preceding list, or so much thereof as will be necessary to pay the taxes, penalties and assessments charged thereon, will be sold by the Treasurer of Fairfield county, on the 31st of December, A. D. 1877, unless such taxes, assessments and penalties be paid before that time; and such sale will be continued, from day to day, until all of said parcels, lots and parts of lots of Real Estate shall be sold or offered for sale. I. N. WITHERS, County Auditor. dec 13.

Prepare for Christmas.

THE proprietor of OUR HOUSE begs to inform his customers and the public generally that he has the largest and best stock of goods in his line in town, consisting of: Old and Dupuy & Co.'s, Cognac Brandy, Pure old Jamaica Rum Old Pear Holland Gin, Lynchburg Rye Whiskey, Lincoln county Rye Whiskey, Old Virginia XXX Rye Whiskey, Old Kentucky Bourbon, Bythewood Pure Peach Brandy, N. C. Peach and Apple Brandy, N. C. Sweet Mash Corn Whiskey, Stone Mountain Sour Mash Corn Whiskey. ALSO, G. H. Mumm & Co.'s, Champagne, Wines, Ales, Porter and Lager Beer, Tom and Jerry, Hot Scotch &c. Fresh Oysters and fresh N. C. Pork Sausage always on hand. Respectfully J. D. McCATLEY, dec 13

Notice to Creditors.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of Richard Dove, Senior, deceased, are required to establish their demands on the 8th day of January next, before the Probate Judge at Winnsboro, South Carolina. O. R. THOMPSON, J. P. F. C. dec 15-law3w

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Two Miles Before Breakfast. In a neighboring city in Georgia, there is a married woman, who, after her third confinement, had ulceration, with all its repulsive symptoms. She tried in vain all the nostrums; her husband carried her to all the famous mineral springs, went with her to New York, Philadelphia and other places, to consult eminent obstetricians, to no purpose. After the use of the fifth bottle of Regulator, she has been fully restored to her former health and happiness, and is now the joy of the household—is able to walk two miles before breakfast. dec 4-2w

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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 5-4j