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THE GENERAL acts and resolutions that have been approved by the governor and have become laws are: 1. Concerning the pay of the State officers. 2. Concerning delinquent taxes. 3. Concerning the land commission and the State lands. 4. To amend the jury law. 5. To regulate the rate of interest. Besides those there were eight special acts of incorporation, &c.

WE DO NOT think the Register advocated the passage of the school amendment before THE NEWS AND HERALD did. The provision keeping the school money in the respective counties, which, though overlooked, was the principal feature in the amendment, has been a pet scheme of ours since 1873. But the Register did yeoman work in behalf of the measure.

**The School Amendment.**

The ratification of the school amendment will put Fairfield on her feet again. The two mill tax will realize nearly eight thousand dollars, all of which will be kept at home and, with the poll tax, will make a liberal fund. With careful officials and good teachers, there is no reason why the schools shall not speedily become a great boon to the people.

It must be remembered, however, that the taxes for the fiscal year of 1877 have not yet been levied by the Legislature, and may not be collected at all this winter, owing to the scarcity of money. In this case, no funds will result from the operation of this amendment until next winter, and teachers will have to work on credit and wait until then for their money. There will, however, be the certainty that the money will come; for, having fixed data to go upon, the school commissioner will close the schools as soon as the estimates are reached. It is well for the teachers to understand now, that there will be no money for schools for this ensuing year until the new taxes shall have been levied and paid in.

**State vs. Sectarian Colleges.**

The presidents of the different Sectarian colleges now in the State, met recently in Greenville and passed resolutions opposing the rehabilitation of the State University. They argued that it would damage the colleges now in existence, and that it would entail upon the State an expense it cannot now bear. Lastly, they asserted their conviction that the education of youth should be entrusted to the churches, through the medium of denominational colleges.

It is cause for deep regret that the authorities of these colleges have seen fit to array themselves in opposition to the University. Any contest of that nature is bound to injure all parties engaged in it. The world is wide enough for all. A State college and denominational colleges pursue different paths. They will not necessarily come into collision. But if the latter can show conclusively that a clashing of interests is inevitable, then they are the ones to yield, not the State institution. It is a matter of congratulation and rejoicing that the colleges in question have done so well thus far; and there are no reason why they shall not continue to prosper. Denominational colleges existed in South Carolina in the palmy days of the South Carolina College and the State Military Academy. A rehabilitation of one or both of these institutions should not be the destruction of their competitors now.

But the State college must be re-opened. The constitution provides for its maintenance. The buildings are all there. One of the most complete libraries of its size is there too. For a small sum of money the institution can be put into operation. The New-

berry Herald thinks \$75,000 necessary. This is three times more than would be required for a faculty of eight professors, a librarian and a bursar. The passage of the school amendment assures the success of free schools. Let the system be crowned with a free college in Columbia, designed not for Methodists, nor Baptists, nor Associate Reformed Presbyterians, nor Lutherans, nor Episcopalians nor Presbyterians, nor Roman Catholics, nor free-thinkers, nor for any special class or sect, but for all the youth of South Carolina, whatever be their station or their creed. Let it be a place where each succeeding generation may meet together to form lasting friendships and to imbibe knowledge and patriotism side by side. The old college was a potential factor in developing the peculiar State character of South Carolina. Let it again perform this duty.

Lastly, with due deference to the opinions of many wise and pious men, we take issue with the proposition that education should be left to the churches. Some peculiar branches of instruction should, of course, be imparted by the church; but education, pure and simple, is the duty of the State. And the State must work through her own agencies. This is a sufficient reason for the re-opening of a State University or State College. While we may hope that it will not injure the Sectarian colleges now in operation, we stand firm by a State institution.

**LAWS OF THE STATE.**

An Act concerning delinquent taxes of the last fiscal year.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted* by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same, That the comptroller general be, and is hereby, authorized to abate the penalties accrued upon any delinquent tax for the fiscal year ending October 31, 1877, upon satisfactory proof, by affidavit, that any person liable to or entitled to pay such tax, or the agent of any person so liable or entitled, having made the attempt to pay such tax to the county treasurer authorized to collect the same on or before the 15th day of November, 1877, was prevented from so doing by reason of the inability of the county treasurer to receive all of the taxes at such times attempted to be paid.

SECTION 2. That the comptroller general be, and he is hereby, authorized, in his discretion, to postpone the delinquent lands sales of any county for the fiscal year aforesaid: *Provided*, That such sales shall not be postponed to a day later than the 1st Monday in February, 1878, for the commencement of such sales.

Approved December 20, 1877.

An Act to regulate the rate of interest on all contracts arising in this State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted* by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same, That from and after the passage of this act no greater rate of interest than seven (7) per centum per annum shall be charged, taken, agreed upon or allowed upon any contract arising in this State for the hiring, lending or use of money or other commodity.

SECTION 2. That no person or corporation lending or advancing money or other commodity upon a greater rate of interest than is provided for in section 1 of this act shall be allowed to recover, in any court of this State, any portion of the interest so unlawfully charged, and that the principal sum, amount or value so let or advanced, without any interest, shall be deemed and taken by the courts of this State to be the true legal debts or measure of damages, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, to be recovered without costs.

SECTION 3. That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

A Standard special, from Rome, announces that the Pope has granted a dispensation, authorizing the marriage of the King of Spain with the Princess Mercedes. The Pope's rheumatic pains are excruciating.

Bob Ingersoll pronounced Solomon an idiot. [*Boston Globe*]. He ought to give the wise and the wherefores, though. [*Found in the Globe Democrat*]. Donno who wrote it.

**THE METHODISTS.**

The following is an epitome of the statistical and financial reports made to the recent Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in this State:

Whole number of members.....	43,196.
Increase over last year..	1,450.
Local preachers.....	145.
Children baptised.....	1,984.
Adults baptised.....	1,387.
Sunday-Schools.....	481.
Officers and teachers....	2,788.
Pupils.....	19,301.
Number of churches....	557.
Number of parsonages..	82.
Value of church property.....	\$747,953.00
Collected for support of pastors.....	64,500.49.
Collected for presiding elders.....	9,026.00.
Conference collections..	4,190.15.
Collected for foreign missions.....	2,126.05.
Collected for domestic missions.....	4,377.00.
Collected for education..	2,056.31.
Collected for bishops....	761.00.
Collected for Sunday-Schools.....	3,842.38.
Collected for building churches and parsonages.....	20,724.07.
Collected for other benevolent objects.....	6,904.00.

**BRIC-A-BRAC.**

Blondin has traveled 2,500 miles on a tight rope.

Tennyson is a stenk eater. He loves a little tender line.

What! Kollogg and Kary Kwarrelling?—[*Boston Globe*]. Kwrite Korreect, they do be doing that same.

Dom Pedro has introduced the green gage plum and the narrow gauge railroad into Brazil.

George Francis Train is endeavoring to go without eating. The press will unanimously urgo him to persevere.

A country exchange says that the St. Louis *Globe-Democrat* is a perfect Go-liar at the paragraph business.

The President says that he likes Shakespeare, and the Senate is getting ready to reject William, if Hayes nominates him for anything.

A St. Louis chemist has been experimenting with women's stockings, and out of twenty-four pairs he found that sixteen contained poison. The rest contained limbs.

When the Rochester *Chronicle* asserts that the great George Washington could laugh like any other man, it tells a malicious falsehood, and seeks to weaken public veneration.

St. Louis is to have a ten foot high statue of Shakespeare. The city fathers merely asked the sculptor if the deceased Shakespeare was a Chicago man and when he said "no" they replied "all right, sculp the old stat."

The Philadelphia *Bulletin* has quit lying about Wade Hampton, and turned its attention to surgery. It says: "The muscles of a laborer whose weight is 150 pounds weigh sixty-four pounds. When dried they are reduced to fifteen pounds."

On one occasion, according to Miss Cary, Miss Kellogg failed. On the same occasion, according to Miss Kellogg, Miss Cary failed. Tremendous liabilities, and no assets worth mentioning.—[*Rochester Chronicle*]. If it was a fraudulent failure they ought to be sent to Sing Sing.

A ROYAL HUNT.—During the visit of the Prince of Wales to Lord and Lady Londesborough, at Londesborough Lodge, on the last days of November, eight guns shot over the Londesborough, Selby and Scoreby estates—namely, the Prince of Wales, Count Jaraczewski, Earl of Gosford, Earl de Gray, Lord Rendlesham, Lord Londesborough, Colonel Williams and the Hon. O. Montague. On a couple of the days shooting was somewhat interfered with by the unfavorable character of the weather; nevertheless capital sport was enjoyed, as will be gathered from the following return of game killed over four days:—On the 20th the beat was at Londesborough, when the killed were 1,351 pheasants, 33 partridges, 363 hares, 264 rabbits, 3 woodcocks, 4 various; total, 2,018. On the 21st the beat was at Selby, when the killed were 618 pheasants, 140 partridges, 186 hares, 197 rabbits, 7 woodcocks, 4 various; total, 1,152. November 22, beat Londesborough; killed, 888 pheasants, 2 partridges, 613 hares, 248 rabbits, 1 woodcock, 14 various; total 1,663. November 23, Scoreby; 620 pheasants, 2 partridges, 120 hares, 306 rabbits, 4 woodcocks, 4 various; total 1,056. Grand total 5,889.

**OLD JIM'S BAPTIST SONG.**

BY CLIFFORD AND SIDNEY LANIER.

**SOLO.**

Sin's rooster's crowed, Ole Mahster's riz,  
De sleepin'-time is pas';  
Wake up dem lazy Baptists;

**CHORUS.**

De'y's mighty in de grass, grass,  
De'y's mighty in de grass.

Ole Mahster's blowed de mornin' horn,  
He's blowed a powerful blas';  
O' Baptis', come, come hoe de corn,  
You's mighty in de grass, etc.

De Meth'dis' team's done hitched; O fool,  
De day's a-breakin' fas';  
Gear up dat lean ole Baptis' mule,  
De'y's mighty in de grass, etc.

De workmen's few an' mous'rous slow,  
De cotton's sheddin' fas';  
Whoop, look, jes' look at de Baptis' row,  
Hit's mighty in de grass, etc.

De Jaybird squeal to de mockin'-bird—'stop!  
Do'n' git none o' yo' sass;  
Better sing one song for de Baptis' crop,  
De'y's mighty in de grass, etc.

An' de ole crow croak: "Do'n' work, no no!"  
But de hel'-lark say: "Y'ans, y'ans,  
An' spee' you mightily glad, you debblish  
crow,  
Dat de Baptis' in de grass I etc.

Lord, thunder us up to de ploughing match  
Lord, peeten de hoe'n' fas';  
Yes, Lord, hit mussey on de Baptis' patch,  
De'y's mighty in de grass,  
De'y's mighty in de grass.

UTILIZING A SHERIFF.—A Waco, Texas, correspondent writes: "Several days ago a deputy sheriff from a frontier county came here to arrest two brothers who are farming below Waco a few miles. The deputy found the brothers busy picking cotton. He informed them of his business. They gently but firmly disarmed him, and have had him picking cotton for them every day since up to this time. His peculiar position became known to officers here, and they have gone to release him and put the brothers in jail."

A girl in Shelby, Ky., was provoked by the bad play of her partner at croquet. She struck him on the head with a mallet, and caused a brain fever, of which he nearly died. She was kept in custody until he recovered, and then she married him.

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THE House and Lot belonging to the estate of J. M. Rutland, deceased d.

A. S. DOUGLASS,

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Executor.

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,**

COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD.

*In the Court of Probate.*

To Minnie Lyles, Mattie Smith, William Smith, Davis Lyles, Victoria Lyles, Frank Lyles, William Lyles, Charlotte E. Ederington, Frances H. McKeown, John T. McKeown, Dollie B. Ederington, Eugenia Ederington, Henry M. Ederington, Barilla R. Ederington, Francis H. Ederington, Carolina J. Ederington, May C. Ederington, Precious N. Wall, Joseph B. Wall and Winn Smith, Greeting:

YOU are hereby required to appear at the Court of Probate, to be holden at Fairfield Court House, for Fairfield County, on the twenty-fourth day of January, A. D. 1878, to show cause, if any you can, why the real estate of Lucy Ederington deceased, described in the petition of Mary A. Lyles, filed in my office, should not be divided or sold, allotting to each of the heirs-at law of the said Lucy Ederington, deceased, the share of said real estate to which he or she may be entitled under the laws of said State in such case made and provided.

Given under my hand and seal this ninth day of November, A. D. 1877.

O. R. THOMPSON,  
Judge of Probate  
Fairfield County.

To the defendants, Minnie Lyles, Mattie Smith, William Smith, Davis Lyles, Victoria Lyles, Frank Lyles, William Lyles, Charlotte E. Ederington, Frances H. McKeown, John T. McKeown, Dollie B. Ederington, Eugenia Ederington, Henry M. Ederington, Barilla R. Ederington, Francis H. Ederington, Carolina J. Ederington, May C. Ederington, Precious N. Wall, Joseph B. Wall and Winn Smith.

Take notice that the summons in this action, of which the foregoing is a copy, was filed in the office of the Judge of Probate for Fairfield county, at Winnsboro, in the State of South Carolina, on the ninth day of November, A. D. 1877.

GAILLARD & REYNOLDS,  
Petitioner's Attorneys,  
nov 13-1aw6w Winnsboro, S. C.]

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" " Marble top,	8 00
" " " "	9 00
" " " "	12 00
" " " "	18 00
" " " "	20 00
" " " "	25 00

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" " " "	1 00
" " " "	1 50
" " " "	2 00
" " " "	4 00

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Large Hair Cloth or Repp, carved top,	24
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