

root, and, whilst she embraces and blesses her living ones, she will also weave wreaths immortal for those who died in their early prime. The scene will be one full of interest, and I hope of usefulness, and I commend you to take such steps as will produce an increased effect and dignity.

Each year convinces us more and more that the State should have a practical education for its youth, and that the State should have a practical education for its youth, and that the State should have a practical education for its youth.

I cannot omit to bring to your notice the efficient, laborious, and disinterested services of the chairman of the Board of Visitors. Nothing can be more prompt, uniform, and systematic than his administration of affairs; and as long as he continues in his present position, I feel sure that increased success will attend his efforts.

The State makes provision annually for the education, at the South Carolina College, of one youth from Charleston Orphan House, to be selected by the commissioners.

I herewith present for your consideration a memorial from the Trustees of the Roper Hospital, asking aid from the State to assist in increasing their means to such an extent as to enable them to open their building, and make it subservient to the purposes for which it was originally intended.

There appears to be some objection on the part of our people to the operations of the Militia System of the State; and doubtless efforts will be made during the session essentially to alter or abolish it.

The question of reform in the Free School system has largely occupied the attention of the people during the past year.

In my last annual message, I expressed the opinion that it would be premature to attempt at that time any plan than might be submitted for your approval, to reorganize the system.

port. Facts of this sort must come to the groundwork. In possession of these, we may then proceed to compare different systems, adopting from among them that which seems to be best adapted to our own circumstances, or originating a new one, if all the others prove unsatisfactory.

This can be done by the appointment of a Minister of Public Instruction, who shall be regarded as an officer of the government, compensated by a large salary, and who shall give himself unreservedly to this great interest.

The expense of carrying into effect the foregoing suggestions should be defrayed out of a reserved per centage upon the present Free School appropriation; thus saving additional drafts of money from the Treasury, and making the Free School fund correct ultimately the abuses and defects of the present system.

I had the honor at your last session to submit to you a statement of the condition of the Blue Ridge Railroad enterprise, and also certain suggestions with regard to improvements in the State system for the insane.

Upon the subject of the Asylum I herewith submit for your perusal and careful consideration an elaborate statement from the able physician of the institution, whose long experience and thorough investigation of the subject entitles his opinions to the highest respect and credit.

Upon the subject of the Blue Ridge Railroad I beg, with the greatest deference, your attention to two inquiries. First, should the enterprise be abandoned for the want of funds to continue in violation of the limitations attached to the agreement between the several companies in their amalgamation into one?

At your last session I was instructed in conjunction with the Attorney General, to take such steps as were necessary on the part of the State to submit its questions at the Savannah Convention of the State of Georgia.

said roads to be adopted by the Southern States. I herewith submit it, together with other papers connected therewith, to your inspection and consideration.

I also transmit to you certain resolutions from the Legislature of Connecticut, and Rhode Island; also certain decrees, regulations, and instructions by his Majesty, the Emperor of the French, in relation to the Universal Exhibition to be held in Paris in 1855.

I would again call your attention to the condition of our enactments with regard to the introduction of free persons of color employed as mechanics or otherwise on board of vessels trading with our seaports.

You are, of course, aware that some of these provisions have long proved a source of dissatisfaction, and have ever been regarded by friendly powers as to some extent inconsistent with our international obligations.

While we could never consent to surrender or impair our right to treat the subject with a view exclusively to our own sense of policy and expediency, it is at the same time, I think, becoming to make proper concessions, consistent with this to what may be fairly regarded as only an altitude of friendly remonstrance.

At your last session you passed a very important act relative to the registration of births, deaths and marriages. As the appointment of Registrars took place after many of the Tax Collectors had commenced their other duties, and the books and forms required time for their preparation, the return has been an imperfect one.

As a constituent part of the American Confederate Republic, the existing aspect of our foreign relations is a matter of deep interest, and requires from you watchfulness and solicitude. The laws of comity, which regulate the intercourse of nations, a discreet and sound policy towards ourselves, and the good faith to be observed in maintaining the terms of treaties, should make this a matter of careful and diligent attention.

Events are transpiring in portions of this Confederacy which are well calculated to arrest the attention and excite the vigilance of the Southern people. The results of the late popular elections in certain sections of the Union, threaten to more seriously disturb the repose which for a brief period has existed.

On Tuesday evening last, three year old youngster of the Bruin family broke prison bond and created considerable stir. His first prospects were paid to a neighboring hogpen, from which, after having killed one or two of the tenants, he was driven by an allied force of men and dogs.

Mr. Read introduced a preamble and resolutions relating to the late election of the 6th of December next, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, and that a sermon be delivered in the hall of the House of Representatives.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1854.

Music in Everything! THE "Swiss Bell-Ringers" will commence a series of interesting and novel musical entertainments, in this place, on or about the 13th of the present month.

Fire in Columbia. We learn that a most disastrous fire occurred in Columbia, on last Wednesday night. Nearly the entire block opposite the Congaree House was consumed.

Director. Owing to the great length of the Governor's Message and our synopsis of Legislative proceedings, we are forced to omit attention to several matters among which is our advertising department.

Consignees per Railroad. A COMPLETE list of the consignees at Abbeville Depot appears in the present number. It is our design henceforth to publish such list every week, so that every subscriber and borrower of the Press may be able to see whether there is anything in the Depot for him or not, without the trouble and expense of coming or writing to see.

The Fair! The Fair! THERE is little or no necessity for us to do more than simply direct attention to the advertisement of the ladies appearing in the last and present numbers of the Press.

The Legislature. Our readers will remember that we promised a weekly report from a friend in Columbia during the session. On our recent visit there, we found him so steadily pressed with his official duties, that we readily absolved him from his obligation.

Sale-Day. This attendance on sale-day was rather meagre, and business transactions not very heavy. A few negroes went off under the auctioneer's hammer at tall prices.

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On motion of Mr. Tucker, Saturday the 6th, was adjourned; and a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate, that the body to be sent to the Senate, that the body to be sent to the Senate, that the body to be sent to the Senate.

for good order among its students. No college which does not see to the proper behavior of its students both in and out of doors, ought to be patronized.

Furman University is located at Greenville, South Carolina, is under the control of the Baptist, and JAMES C. FURMAN, President, JAMES S. MIMS, P. C. EDWARDS, C. H. JUDSON, F. C. CUMMINGS, Professors, constitute its Faculty.

A Cure for Colds. Or rather a preventive, we should say. Either, however, must be admitted to be a desideratum at this particular season, when frosts, and winds, are so abundant.

Proceedings of the Legislature. MONDAY, November 27, 1854. SENATE.—The Senate met and was organized by the election of the following gentlemen as officers: Hon. R. F. W. Allison, President; Gen. W. E. Martin, Clerk; A. T. Goodwyn, Reading Clerk; J. D. Gaillard, Messenger; and A. D. Gaillard, Door-keeper.

House of Rep's.—The House of Representatives met and proceeded to organize by electing Hon. James Simons, Speaker; J. T. Sloan, Clerk; J. S. Richardson, Reading Clerk; Thomas Dickinson, Messenger.

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an increase in the payment of witnesses and of petit jurors attending courts of justice. Mr. Witherspoon, pursuant to notice, introduced a bill for the incorporation of the Society for the Relief of indigent and superannuated clergymen of the Presbyterian Church and their families.

House of Rep's.—Mr. Pope presented a protest against the election of Mr. Raymond, member from St. Peter's Parish. Mr. Harrison introduced a bill authorizing the formation of the Savannah River Railroad Company.

Mr. McCrady introduced a bill providing for the election of Electors of President and Vice President by the State. Mr. B. F. Parry introduced a bill to give the election of Electors of President and Vice President to the people.

SENATE.—Mr. Witherspoon presented the petition of sundry citizens of Abbeville District, for the incorporation of Lebanon Church. Mr. Moses, on the part of the Judiciary Committee, made unfavorable reports on the petition of sundry citizens of Sumter District for the increased compensation of petit jurors and witnesses.

Mr. Watson presented the memorial of the stockholders of the Edgefield and Cheatem Plank Road Company; also a petition for the renewal of the charter of the town of Hamburg.

Mr. Porter presented the memorial of the City Council of Charleston praying confirmation of their subscriptions to railroads and limitations on their powers hereafter.

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