1. An act to authorize the Judges at Chambers to appoint commissioners to value lands through which Railroads may pass. 2. An act to amend an act entitled an act to

provide for the inspection of flour and other purposes. 3. An act to authorize the State to aid in the

construction of the Charleston and Savannah Railroad Company. 4. An act to incorporate the Charleston Water

Company, in the city of Charleston, State of South Carolina. 5. An act to incorporate the Columbia and Charlotte Magnetic Telegraph Company. 6. An act to incorporate the village of Marion

and for other purposes. 7. An act to incorporate the Columbia Machine 8. An act to incorporate the society for the relief of indigent and superanuated ministers

of the Presbyterian Church, and their families.

9. An act to alter the Constitution of the State so as to divide Pendleton into two Election 10. An set to extend the time allowed to the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company and the Newberry and Chester Railroad Company to

open the books of subscription to the capital stock of said companies. 11. An act to amend the first clause of an act to renew and amend the charters of certain

towns and villages, passed in the year 1853. 12. An act to abolish the office of Tax Collector of Winyah and for other purposes. 13. An act to amend the charter of the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad Company. 14. An act to renew and amend the charters

of certain towns and villages heretofore incorpo-15. An act to empower and authorize the Commissioners of the Orphan House in Charleston to select two youths from those educated on the bounty of that institution, to complete their education in the Military Schools of this State. 16. An act to raise supplies for the year com-

mencing October, 1854. 17. An act to vest the title of the State to certain escheated property herein mentioned in certain persons therein named.

18. An set to amend an act entitled an act to re-charter the Merchant's Bank, of South Carolina at Cheraw. 19. An act to incorporate certain Religious

Societies and Societies for the purposes of Edu-20. An act to authorize the Comptroller General to accept the bequest of the late John Blair.

21. An act to authorize the Town Council of Hamburg to subscribe to the capital stock of certain Railroad Companies therein mentioned. 22. An act to re-charter the Bank of George town, South Carolina. 23. An act to authorize the Cheraw and Dar

lington Railroad Company to increase their capital stock. 24. An act to authorize the formation of Volunteer Battalion, to be attached to the 23d Regiment of S. C. Militia.

25. An act to amend the charter of the Bank of the State of South Carolina. 26. An act to alter and amend the charter of the town of Columbia, and for other purposes. 27. An act to authorize aid to the Blue Ridge

Railroad, in South Carolina. 28. An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Northeastern Railroad Company. 29. An act to incorporate certain Societies Associations and Companies, and to renew and

amend those of certain others. 30. An act to make appropriations for the year commencing 1st October, 1854. 31. An act to incorporate the Greenville Fe

male Institute and Marion Female College. 32. An act to prescribe the mode and term on which the City Conneil of Charleston may subscribe to the Capital Stock of Railroads Plank roads and Canal Companies, and to confirm the subscriptions heretofore made by them. 33. An act to authorize the City Council of Charleston to levy and collect taxes on the real 34. An act to amend an act entitled an act to

authorize the formation of the Savannah Valley 35. An act to incorporate the Merchant's Mutual Insurance Company.

36. An act to amend the charter of the town

of Georgetown.

37. An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of Mt. Pleasant. 38. An act to extend and renew the charter of

the town of Yorkville. 39. An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Firemen's Insurance Company of Charleston, passed December 16, 1854.

40. An act to incorporate the Spartanburg 41. An act to incorporate the Columbia Fe-

male College. 49. An act to incorporate the Southern Mutu

al Life Insurance Company.

43. An act to classify the lands in the Catawba Indian Boundary, situate in York and Lancaster Districts, and to tax them as other lands in said

Districts, and for other purposes. 44. An act to recharter the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synods of South-Carolina and Georgia.

45. An act to incorporate the South-Carolina Sarings and Building Association. 46. An act to authorize the United States to

purchase certain parcels of lands in this State 47. An act to provide for the better administration of justice in the city Courts of Charleston. 48. An act to incorporate the Elmwood Cemetery Company. 49. An act to incorporate the Yorkville Female

length the evil of slave-stealing, to which Missourilis in an especial degree subject, and proposes as a remedy for the mischief such an additional supply of negroes as will at once satisfy the wants of the Abolitionists of Illinois, and of the planters of Missouri. The editor concludes

his article thus:

"There is one mode only of meeting this difficulty. Abolish the existing laws against the slave trade, and regulate it henceforth and license it. The poor barbarians of Africa will be vastly benefitted and thoroughly Christianized by the operation. In fact it is only through slavery that the African has ever had a ray of light, of reason, cr of religion poured into his darkened mind. I was the penalties against the slave trade that made it horrible. Make it legal and respectable, and then we can have plenty of niggers for our own use, and can spare to Chicago

as many as her citizens wish to steal. We are in earnest about this matter, and wait with impatience to hear what our Douglas and Atchison Nebraska bill friends will have to say about it. Will they have the courage to get on our platform and be consistent with themselves,

THE PRINTING BUSINESS .- The N. Y. Tribune of the 18th, says: "Experienced men say they have not known so great a depression of the printing business for many years. Many of the leading offices have discharged two-thirds of their employees, and have reduced the remainder to two-thirds of a day's work. A large number of journeymen printers have left the city-others are working a day or two in a week as substitutes in the offices of the daily journals; but many more are totally destitute of work. The scale of prices, as established by the Union, has not been materially departed from as yet, that we can learn, although employers say that a considerable reduction must take place unless business improves, and that right speedily."

APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT .- By and with the advice and consent of the Senate.-James B. Bowlin, of Missouri, to be Minister Resident of the United States, in the Republic of New

Grenada.

John Priest, of Pennsylvania, to be Consul of the United States for the port of San Juan del Sur, in Niearagua. George B. Merwin, of Ohio, to be Consul of imforms us that it was found near the door of this

the United States, for the port of Valparaiso, in establishment. That may be but we earnestly as It would seem that the European world is to be almost

NEARLY one-third of the mechanics in New York are out of employment. The employers, tion. Every man of us ignores it. We all take it knoweth. The great peace party, whose Eutopian twenty-five per cent.

Speech of Mr. Stephens, of Georgia .- The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun

Mr. Stephens, of Georgia, replied to-day in a very able, temperate, and statesmanlike manner, to the speech of Mr. Mace, of Ohio, on the Nebraska Bill. Half of the Senate was present to hear him, and he acquitted himself handsomely of his task. He showed by logical argument from established facts, that the institution of slavery must be tested by the rules of political economy, and not by abstract view of philanthropy, and expressed his entire approbation of the principle of self-government contained in the Nebraska Bill.

If, he said, the North, with double the population of the South, cannot send as many emigrants to Kansas against slavery as the South, with half the population, can send to it in favor of the institution, then the minority ought to acquiesce. Mr. Stephen's speech was entirely unexceptionable in tone and manner, and argumentative from beginning to end. The time is rapidly approaching when slavery and the tariff will be treated as questions of political economy, and not as elements of perpetual perturbation in politics.

The Advertiser.

ARTHUR SIMKINS, EDITOR.

EDGEFIELD, S. C. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1854.

> HEAD QUARTERS, CULUMBIA, Dec 18th 1854.

General Orders, No. 1. following gentlemen have been appointed Aides-de-Camp to the Commander-in-Chief, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

E. B. BRYAN. J. DUNOVANT, Jr.

S. R. GIST. W. J. GRISHAM

W. P. DUNCAN.

J. H. MARSHALL. J. R. SONDLEY.

R. H. MEANS. J. GLOVER.

T. B. CLARKSON. The Aides-de Camp above named, will equip themselves and report for duty, either personally, or by letter, to the Adjutant and Inspector General, at 96 Depot, South Carolina, by the 5th day of Febuary next. The members of the General Staff, attached to the Commander-in-Chief, are also required to report as being equipped as the law prescribes.

If either of the above named Aides-de-Camp, or of the General Staff should neglect to report as above required, it will be deemed a refusal to accept, and By order of the Commander-in-Chief.

R. G. M. DUNOVANT, Adjutant and Inspector General. Every paper in the State will copy the above nd insert once, under the editorial head.

WE are requested to state that the Rev. T. D. URIFOY's address is Oakland, the same as heretofore. THE communication of "FARMER" will ap ear next week-our space all pre-engaged this time. Legislative.

We present on another column a List of Acts passed luring the recent session of our Legislature. It will be seen that it exceeds our usual number. And this s all that we have time to say about the matter at

Agricultural Fair.

ope the ball will be kept in motion.

Planting fruit Trees. Will not some accomodating man of sense give us, briefly, the best mode of setting out fruit trees? We

would be glad to know next week or the week after The Pressure. Monetary matters are as tight in Edgefield as any where else. A good many are predicting a crash. We doubt the prediction. An idea has taken its place in our perecranium (and there it sticks) that about February or March next the tension will be over and every thing easy again.

Stick Lost.

but heavy head, was misplaced by us the other day somewhere in town. It is covered with reddish leather. The finder will be good enough to locate it in | Carolina in regard to this direct connection, will be this office at his earliest convenience.

From Kansas.

Gov. REEDER of this territory has refused to comnission General Whitfield, recently elected to Congress on pro-slavery grounds. The Governor's reason is, that he was elected by a crowd of Missourians who crossed the lines on election day. The Washington Sentinel pronounces this course of Reeder usurpation; Because, it belongs to the House of Reps. at Washington, not to a territorial governor, to decide who is properly elected a member of their body.

The Concert of last Week.

The girls of Mr. RAYMOND's school gave a nice concert on Friday night last. The large hall of the for the erection of light houses and beacon lights. Institute Buildings was crowded; and every one, save a few rowdy spirits, seemed to be determined upon enjoying the evening. Barring one very discordant quartette (accidentally pitched too high,) the performances were creditable. Some of the young ladies, who have been under Mrs. RAYMOND's tuition for about three years, executed their pieces in very taste-A REMEDY FOR ABOLITION .- The St. Louis ful style. The choruses by the school at large were Intelligencer of the 13th inst. discusses at some (most of them) very well carried through. The fine contralto voice of Miss NELLY R. was distinguishable in them all, as an onheclyde would be among stringed instruments. Several of the girls sang spiritedly. And they all looked the thing charmingly. Upon the whole, it was quite a pleasant entertainment, in spite of the barbarian rudeness of certain boys and hobodehoys, whose native coarseness prompted them to try sundry modes of exhibiting their bad breeding.

Our "Imp's" Last.

The following effusion seems to have been left upo our table by that promising young gentleman, who has for some two weeks been officiating as our " locum tenens." From the conspicuous manner in which it was left spread out on top of every thing else, we ima gine it to be the hear.'s desire of our young Hopeful that it should appear in print. We accordingly give it a place :

SINGULAR OCCURRENCE.

Night before last, as one of Tom Turner's niggers was running round a fence corner, the moon that beamed resplendently from her seat in the heavens was heard to murmur soft vows of fidelity to the quicksilver stream below. Immediately, and as it quickshiver stream below. Immediately, and as it were by mgic, the engle upon the coin of America bit the forefinger of the President's right hand. His sudden scream of pain startled the horses that are wont to pull the chariot of Phobus. Where upon, the Earth revolved more rapidly upon her axis than was ever known before, and a voice was heard to say

"A little plain whiskey water, To drive dull care away."

No sooner had the sound been wafted on the air, than the genius of "Young America," with his beau-tiful sister "Modern Progress" by his side, lashed titul sister "Modern Progress" by his side, lashed upon the scene, and, having assumed an attitude of reckless wonder, exclaimed. "What are people of Edgefield to do during the holidays, for something to warm up the inner man?" And the answer to this important question was—but, my kingdom, the Editor proper has just arriv in Town, and we must be "oph." During the brief period we have held dominant sway over the destinie of the Advertiser, we have had fine times and made (as all popular Editor do) had fine times and made (as all popular Editor do)
many kind friends; and, now in parting, we trust that
the high standard to which we have elevated this
journal will be properly approciated and in a manner
place is being rapidly supplied by large reinforcesustained by our successor. So, with a firm determination to make ourself "scace" in these parts by a lasty escape through the back door, we bid you all and affectionate farewell.

The IMP.

Found. A fellow has handed us an old red pocket-book containing two postage stamps, a fish-hook and a recipe lating and surmising the probable termination of this for curing dogs that have swallowed strychnine. He sure him and the public at large that none of us in this shop have anything to do with the article in ques- is fully aroused. When it will be appeared, no man

Christmas.

Or course we must have something to say upon this ubject, as we are, at the very moment of writing, in the midst of the joyous holidays. Everything around reminds us that old Christmas is once more indubitably here. There is a holiday smile on every body's face, a holiday grasp in every body's hand, a holiday laugh in every body's throat and a holiday glance in every body's eye. Let it rain or let it shine, 'tis all the same. Fun must be had as fun has been had before; and fun will be had, be the clerk of the weather glum or gay. "A fashious job forsooth," says the capable of being carried to a high degree of fertility. Scotchman, " would it be to bridle ainsell at sic a time." "Faith," responds Paddy, "ye're in the right tlement, is undoubtedly more valuable than the restof it now, Jork, and be damned to ye." "Tat ish my pelief too," chimes in Mynbeer Dutchman-" a little sumtin make me feel goot dose times-de ting is de ting." "Plum pudding and Punch forever," shouts have been much struck, in one or two late trips over Jonny Bull at every corner-" Jolly landlord, fill our this road, with the taste exhibited in building by some glasses and God save the Queen." "Say, here, bar of our Ridge fellow-citizens. From the elegant new keeper-give us a pint of your best truck-come up boys, help yourselves, and damn the expense." (This last may be recognized as the remark of young America.) While, far more hearty, genial, gladsome, happy and exultant than all the rest, the merry " yah ! yah ! of our Southern Darkie sounds high above the storm of jollification that gathers on every hand. Egg-nogs and Christmas dinners are cheering the hearts of the old; and the young are on the qui vive for every odd circumstance that may give zest to the season. Fuss and fire-crackers are the order of the day-dancing and music, of the night. All the world over, it takes chicken-cocks, and mince-pies, and toddies, and tumult, and tops, and balls, and tamborines, and giftbooks, and shot-guns, and crying-babies, and masks, all that sort of thing, to make up a genuine Christmas quantum of these things, there cannot be a doubt. That our little readers may enjoy them to the full, and that our big readers may be happy in seeing the little ones thus filled with delight, is the earnest wish of the Edgefield Advertiser. But - "Ah! yes-of course," says friend Foolishly-fond-of-it-" I knew that 'but' would have to come in somewhere before he got very far." To-be-sure, sir, it has to come in just here. We mean it not however as a damper upon your pleasures, only as a lenient moderator. Enjoy the week out and out, in the right way. Use the good things placed before you to your heart's content-BUT don't abuse them. Remember the origin of this carnival. It was established to commemorate the birth of the Saviour. Custom has not perhaps erred in connecting with the occasion the usual accompaniments of a Jubilee. Yet it would be profanity to suppose that any vicious excesses derived the least shadow of excuse from having been committed during this hallowed week. Really though, we meant not to read a lecture to any one. We presume not to judge others, lest we ourselves be also judged. You are all, kind readers, as good, and many of you athousand times better than we. To one and all, the poor and the rich, the high the vacancy will be immediately filled by another ap- and the low, friends and foes, gentlemen and ladies, old and young, black and white, good and bad, fat and lean, married and unmarried, paying subscribers and non-paying subscribers (mark our charity!) we wish

an unmitigatedly "Merry Christmas." The Railroad. An extension of time for securing the charter of the connecting link through Edgefield, between the South Carolina Railroad and some point in the vicinity of Newmarket, has been granted to the Greenville and Columbia Company. We trust that this extension will not be made use of merely to postpone the work. Now that the Rabun gap Road is rendered certain, this link becomes unavoidable, so imperious will be the necessity for it. Would it not be the best course then for the Company that has it in charge to go on as speedily as possible? If our Edgefield subscription of \$160,000 be considered worth anything in the matter, we would respectfully remind the Directory of the Greenville & Columbia Company that a con-A writer in another column suggests the formation | dition precedent and positive of that subscription is, of an agricultural society for Edgesield District. We that the road be built by the 1 Jan. 1857. It might be, that this condition could be modified and our list not materially diminished. But it might not be. What boots it to delay the commencement any longer than is absolutely necessary? Cannot the charter be secured at once and the surveys ordered forthwith? We means at his command, of prompt action in this matter. We look to the intelligent and able Direction, in conjunction with which he acts, to sustain him in any measures he may suggest for this good end. A puny cry has already been raised, that the Newberry and Columbia influence in that Company will set its face against immediate and decisive action in the premiser. We scout the idea as unworthy the men in question. A neat Gutta-percha walking stick, with a small | their liberal notions and progressive creed. And we shall confidently expect that the intention, which has been so fairly emblazoned before the public of South

Equity Decisions.

The cases from Edgefield lately argued in Columbia and in which our District is now especially concerned, have been disposed of as follows: Luther vs. Arnold-Moragne for Plaintiff. Spans for Defendant : decided for Defendant.

Cogburn vs. Bryan-Spann & Bonhan for Plaintiff Moragne & Carroll for Defendant; decided for Pla'tf. Rucker vs. Bodie-Carroll & Spann for Plaintiff Abney for Defendant ; decided for Plaintiff.

Prescott & Holmes-Bauskett for Plaintiff, Carroll for Defendan; decided for Defendant. The case of the contested election excited great in

terest. The examination of witnesses was conducted on the part of the contestants by Mr. Bauskett, and on the part of Muj. Watson by Mr. Spann. It lasted ten days. The final argument stands adjourned until next session of the Legislature. It is said that the best of lawyers are much divided in opinion as to the result. The Senate has ordered the testimony to be printed and a copy to be sent to each member. This case is likely to become a precedent hereafter, and it is to be hoped that the law will be settled with the utmost caution and deliberation.

The South Carolinian.

Our readers are aware of the fact that this valuable journal has been seriously crippled in its most use ful career by the late disastrous fire in Columbia. But GIBBES and JOHNSON are of that class of men who never say "die." And in a short time it may be expected that they will again present their popular sheet to the public of South Carolina in all its former attractiveness. To effect this however will require a strong draw upon their remaining resources. This will be made readily. Their object is still, as it was before, to make the South Carolinian, the newspaper of the State. For one, we wish them a most speedy and complete reparation of their recent losses; and we earnestly ask of our readers to lend them a helping hand in their hour of adverse fortune. Let as many as are subscribers remain so still, and may many others conclude, at this trying period of its existence, to become patrons of the old South Carolinian. Long has it done the State good and efficient service. Long has it struggled for the right and battled valorously against the wrong. Ever moderate but firm, hightoned but liberal, it has commanded the esteem of opponents while it has attached with hooks of steel its many friends and admirers. Now, if ever, is the time when its well-wishers should give it a lift. Let them not be slow in doing so. "A friend in need is a friend indeed." We trust that our unlucky but still undaunted cotemporaries will find coming up to them from Edgefield a large share of that liberality towards suffering worth which has ever characterised our people.

The War News. THE last intelligence from the East is any thing but flattering to the hopes of the Allies. Thus far, it is estimated, they have lost, in battle and by disease place is being rapidly supplied by large reinforcements. While the Allies are recruited slowly and at an immense cost. It is thought now that the siege of Sebastopol will result in failure; or, even if it succeed, that the effects of the ca mpaign will be disastrous to the Allied armies. Speculation is staggered, in calcutremendous conflict of nations. There appears at present no opening whatever to a pacific adjustment. literally deluged in blood. The fury of the war-god

The Old Columbia Road.

For the purpose of residences, combining comfort, healthfulness, cleanliness and various conveniences, the road leading from Edgefield village towards Columbia is now decidedly the most desirable part of Edgefield District. Along the whole length of it, twenty-seven miles, there are situations, improved and unimproved, that will vie successfully with any in the State. Besides their value in this regard, the lands attached to them, although generally sandy and rather thin, are yet level, free, easy of cultivation and That section of this road, known as the Watson set But the entire country from our Court House to CAREY MITCHEL's is destined yet to be one of the loveliest and most prizeable strips of South Carolina soil. We mansion of Dr. J. C. READY down to the Lexington line may be seen building after building of the most excellent workmanship, all thoroughly finished and beautifully painted, with out-houses &c. corresponding. We like this; because it looks as if our people were determined to be satisfied with their Carolina homes, and as if they meant to put forth their energies to develop her resources. Were this spirit general, the aggregate wealth of our State would speedily be doubled. Our country, old though it be called, has yet great advamages if they were resolutely brought into play. And we greet the spirit of improvement manipermanent prosperity to those who are actuated by it. | they continue. Already have our poor lands here gone up to 12 and and mimicry, and fiddle-sticks, and jigamarees, and 15 dollars per acre; and the time is near at hand (if we continue to prove our faith, in the good motherweek. That the one now pending will have its usual earth which nourishes us, by a proper outlay of labor and money for her benefit) when \$25, \$30, aye, and even \$50 per acre will be no very marvellous circumstance among us.

The Columbia Times.

This paper, under its present management, is growng popular day by day. Messrs. Baitton & Co. have now before them every chance of success. Nor will they let one of them slip by unimproved. They are apable besides of getting up a highly interesting sheet, as their numbers thus far sufficiently prove. The ' Times" will doubtless equal the highest expectations of its friends. We commend it to all who desire to take a central Carolina paper of tone and ability.

English Railroads. Ir is conceded, we think, that England is ahead of he world in Railroads. The impression too is general that her great projectors in this branch of enterprise pursue a system of air lines, let hills, rocks, or whatever else, interpose their formidable barriers. The subjoined letter, from a gentleman of practical ability and close observation who has recently travelled over many European railroads, will throw a rather new light upon this subject. It will be seen that the writer in the close of his letter speaks of "our road." By this he means the contemplated Columbia and Hamburg railroad by the way of the Ridge in this District. Our correspondent is himself a citizen of the Ridge and has that scheme warmly at heart. We commend his observations upon English railways to our readers generally, but more especially to the people of the Ridge, of Lexington, of Columbia and of Hamburg and Augusta, who feel (or ought to feel) a deep interest in the proper location of the contemplated Colum-

bia and Augusta road. REPTON, DERBYSHIRE, Nov. 24, 1854. Mu Dear Colonel:—I have (at last) a little rest. I have been through England, Wales, Ireland, Scotland, France, Belgium, and part of Holland. I have examined Railroads and everything belonging to them all the way; but England hearly covers the whole all the others are copies. In works of use

fulness England far surpasses all the rest. France however is ahead in the fine and ornamental. The Railroads in England are all double tracks, and The Railroads in England are all ways to have some are advocating three tracks so as always to have two entirely clear in time of repairs. We are far betwo entirely clear in time of repairs. hind England in almost every thing belonging to Rail-roads. Their Depots here are splendid. We have nothing like them and I fear never shall have in our time. We are scarcely on the threshold. Some are over a quarter of a mile long and over half the roof is gliss, so as to be as light as day. The Birmingham passenger Depot is near one thousand feet long, two hundred and twenty-five feet wide, with any mid-light and the ladies—bless the ladies, we would not forget them—we propose that they exhibit their wish, connected with it. All the Roads are of capital iron, double T and about eight pounds to the yard, laid on cross ties three feet apart. One sits on chairs not on the wood as with us; the chairs are spiked down in a very superior manner with a twisted spike of a peculiar kind, one of which I shall bring home. Every thing seems reduced to the most perfect system. A guard stands at every turn out to avoid accident, and as the train passes, throws one hand on his breast and extends the other at arms length in the direction the train is going, to indicate to the hands on the locomotive that all is right. He stands in that position until the train is all past, and to make the thing doubly sure, is in a uniform peculiar to the Rail

Road service.

The tracks here are mostly 4 feet 81 inches wide Carolina in regard to this direct connection, will be carried out in the same honest spirit which gave it is seven feet. A rail is considered worn out after one birth.

but many are getting in favor of the wide gage which is seven feet. A rail is considered worn out after one hundred and fifty thousand trains have passed over it. They then turn the rails up side down and pass them

They then turn the raise up side down and pass them through the same wear over again, and then they are thrown aside and worked up.

There is one thing you may all disabuse yourselves of, that is air lines as we call them. There is no such thing in England nor in fact in Europe, and as Mr. Barlow says, never will be. He is one of the best rejectific and practical perions in England. Barlow says, never will be. He is one of the best scientific and practical engineers in England. I spent a long time with him. He has grown gray in the business, has great influence and in fact is in himself a host. He gave me information in the most gentlemanly manner. He says the idea is ridiculous. "Never," says he, "leave a route of easy grades for the sake of a few miles in distance," and he further added, "teke in all the feeders you possibly can." He then gave no a case in point of a very peculiar nature. A road was built from Leeds to Bradford, by Appleby thirtien miles on a favorable grade: the direct line was only miles on a favorable grade; the direct line was only ten miles but through a rough country and over siff grades. So a direct line was built; but owing to the grades. So a direct line was built; but owing to the stiff grades it takes longer to run it on all wet days than by the other road, although the difference is as thirteen to ten. The longest strait line in all England is only twenty miles, and no other one near so long. Most strait lines are not over five miles, and Mr. Bar-Low says although they have in one place a grade of 143 feet to the mile they, as a rule, avoid grades over 20 feet to the mile as much as possible. 16 being the most desirable. Their 143 feet grade often requires four locomotive engines to take up a freight train, and they begin to think that going down the said grade is costing them more than going up. It wears out breaks. begin to think that going down the said grade is costing them more than going up. It wears out breaks,
rails, and flattens the wheels so as to render their running unsteady and rough even on a good road; so there
is no end to the injury done on ball grades, &c. Nov.
if bad grades affect them so much, how will it be with
us? for their locomotives and roads are certainly the
best in the world. Although they have lately had
eeveral locomotives imported from our country to profit
by any improvement that might appear, they find them
unequal to their own and put them only to the lightest by any improvement that might appear, they find them unequal to their own and put them only to the lightest freight trains. They test every thing here, I assure you. Railroads with them as with us, are a new principle, so there is no old fixed prejudices to overcome as in many other things in this country.

Iron here is now about £7 8s 0d per ton, which is thought high, but there is not much prospect of its being lower soon.

neing lower soon.

I hope our road at home is going on properly an I nope our road at home is going on properly and that so great an interest will not be sacrificed by folly, as has been so often the case in our dear Carolina. Remember poor Crocket, "first know you are right-then go ahead." Do urge our people to build their roads on the best routes, through the best country, through good feeders, easy grades, easy curves, and above all, clear of water. W.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20. There has been much excitement in moniec circles yesterday and to-day, growing out of the recent statement made by the Trustees of the Exchange Bank of Selden, Withers & Co. The statement shows that the individual members of the firm are the largest debtors, and that more than two-thirds of the million of assets of Mr. Withers are worthless. The notes of the bank were selling on Monday at a discount of ten per cent. Yesterday and to-day they were sold by the brokers at a discount of farty per cent.

FLORIDA SENATOR .- The General Assembly of Florida, now in session, has just concluded the election of United States Senator. Hon. D. L. Yulee was chosen on the first ballot. The Whigs voted for Ex. Gov. Brown. The vote vote stood-Yuleo 31, Brown 21, blank 2. Mr. Yulee succeeds the Hon. Jackson Morton, Whig, whose term expires on the 4th of March, 1855.

GRAND LODGE A. F. M., of So. CA .- At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina, the Rev. Bro. E. B. Hort was elected Grand Chaplain for the ensuing year. In the list of officers, by some inadvertence, this election was not mentioned. Papers, therefore, throughout the State, are requested to copy this notice. THE best cure for hard times is economy. A EXAMINATION AND CONCERT.

A monthly examination of the young ladies of the Edgefield Collegiate Institute, under the care of the and Kansas. This, in effect, was a proposition Rev. Mr. Raymonn, took place in the Academy to repeal the Nebraska bill passed at the last

The writer, in company with several others, was present and witnessed the examination. The pupils were all examined on the various studies over which they had gone during the previous month. They showed considerable proficiency, and reflected great honor on themselves and their teachers. At intervals pieces of music were played by some of the music scholars, and thereby they added much to the interest of the occasion.

On Friday evening a Concert was given by Mrs. RAYMOND and her pupils. This was to a certain extent, intended as a commemoration of Christmas, and the arrangement though simple was beautiful. The Teachers and the Pupils were arrayed in suitable costume, and altogether presented a lovely spectacle. A number of pieces were played and several songs, which were highly beautiful, were sung. They afforded much delight to a large and respectable audience, who evinced their satisfaction by their applause. It is but justice to Mr. RAYMOND to say, that his examinations and concerts add much fested along the old Columbia road as a harbinger of to the pleasure of our community, and long may

It is to be hoped, that in the coming year, he will receive that patronage from a discerning public which he greatly deserves.

Mr Editon .- As Edgefield District has of late

given signs that she is willing to be spurred into the progressive spirit of the age, we are led to hope that she may go, of her own accord, still farther in the way of improvement. We are vain enough to indulge the hope, that she will yet arouse herself and exhibit that energy which will rival at least, if not Stockholders held on the 15th instant, the folthat agricultural spirit, for which many of them are already distinguished. It cannot be denied that our people, within the last ten years, have made vast as in the breeds of fine stock of all kinds. And yet | tutionalist. it is true, that we are behind our sisters, notwithstanding this manifest advancement, in having no established system whereby to inform ourselves of our own degree of progress. Hence the general imthe age in everything. Now, in order to correct erroneous impressions and to do justice to ourselves, an Agricultural Society is the "sine qua non"-the to persuade them of the advantages of an agricultural society. We close our remarks with the fol-

be exhibited every improvement in Horses, Mules,

furnish for the occasion one of their far-famed banquets in the shape of a pie nie.

annually. What say ye all to it? BELLAIR. THE DEAN COTTON .- Measrs. May, Vanhook

& Co., of New Orleans sold there on the 12th inst., a lot of fifteen bales of cotton, from the plantation of Col. John M. Burke, of Wilcox county, Ala., at Sixteen Cents per pound. This cotton is the product of the Ocean or Dean Seed. ginned on the Parkhurst Roller Gin. The Delta says the staple of the cotton is unusually long and beautiful.

cultivated in this State, and every thing relating to it is important to the planting community, we are sure Col. Burke will pardon us for the liberty we make of a letter addressed to us, dated New

"You will perceive by the Delta of this date," remarks Col. B., " that I had a lot of cotton sold yesterday for sixteen cents, in this market, the product of the Dean seed. I feel a little proud that Alabama has beaten, so far, Louisiana or Mississippi. My cotton is said by the brokers to be the finest article ever offerred in this market. My entire crop is of this kind, and I have made from 500 to 2000 pounds to the acre. The only extra expense was the investment of \$300 for a Parkhurst Gin, made by Frazier, of Montgomery .-- One bale of this yields in each as much as two of common cotton. The staple of the Dean Cotton is but little inferior to Sea Island. It fills up a vacuum between the common and Sea Island, that the manufacturing world is much in want of .- One more idea; if at any time you should speak to the farming community in regard to planting this cotton, say that if picked clean of leaf it will pay well, if even ginned on a course saw gin. The past senson I obtained fourteen cents for that passed through a saw gin.,'-Mobile Tribune.

pubbles up its mingled streams of sand and water-the former element exhibiting some decrease yesterday, while the latter maintained, apparently, the rate mentioned in our previous lution of a problem that had long engaged anxious thought, and had involved much labor and expense, is manifested in the attendance that throngs the lot and plies the Superintendent with such a stream of questions as would overcome the patience of any man except Maj. Welton. The chemist and savan go to test the stream, while the eager and inquisitive representatives of "Young Charleston" gaze in attentive

THE Chattanooga Advertiser of the 16th inst., says: Some ten or twelve thousand bales cotton are hauled to the banks of the Tennessee, below, waiting for a tide in the river. When we can get water we shall have an unusual brisk season. Every body is delayed on this account, and business must remain in statulquo until there is more rain. We hear of considerable produce to come in when the means of transportation are

SPORTINGAN FLORIDA .- A five days hunt in Washington county, Florida, last month, by eight gentlemen, yielded the following net proshilling's worth of white beans will do as much ceeds: 15 deer, 2 turkeys, 1 alligator, 1 coon, New Testament. feeding as fifty cents worth of potatoes; while 2 hawks, 3 partridges, 2 squirrels,2 rattlesnakes, taking advantage of this state of things, have reduced the rate of wages from twelve-and-half to twenty-five per cent twenty-five per c

COMMUNICATIONS.

FOR THE ADVERTISER.

building on Thursday the 21st inst.

FOR THE ADVERTISER. AGRICULTURAL FAIR.

surpass our sister districts in the development of lowing gentlemen were elected Directors for improvements in the science of agriculture, as well estimate our proper degree of attainment. Agricultural Societies are pre-eminently useful in the dissemination of knowledge in all the various branches of industrial pursuits, and the only correct mediums say more, but our citizens are too high-minded, patriotic and intelligent to need any arguments of ours lowing proposal:

As a good many of our citizens have recently made considerable accessions to their farms, in the way of Stock of all kinds, and in other respects, we propose to all who may feel interested, that we hold almost entirely burned up. Our informant tells here an Agricultural Fair in May next, at which shall | us that her body and one arm was burnt to ashes.

We can then form a society, organize and meet

As this cotton is destined to be extensively

Orleans, December 12:

WELTON SPRING .- The Artesian Well still tice. The deep interest felt in this happy soadmiration asking " what pushes the water up so."

The success of the experiment being now substantially established, we regard it as an era that will long be marked in the calendar of Chart ried Maj. Welton through six years of painful family. and complicated exertions. We owe much also to the fostering care and encouragement of the City Council, and especially to Mayor Hutchin-son, who has presided over the committee having this matter in charge, and has devoted to it his most auxious attentions. He may be content to let this result mark his administration. There is day before the Fifth Sunday in December next "a good time a coming" for Charleston, and the State at large, if we can keep our Gourdians and Subjects of discussion, same as last meeting. Weltons at work, and aid them by the needful encouragement.

reachable. There is a slight prospect of rain.

Wednesday last, Mr. Maco of Indiana, brought up before the House of Representatives the Nebraska-Kansas bill, and made a speech against it. He offered a bill providing that slavery shall

be excluded from the Territories of Nebraska session. In the discussion that took place, it was declared by Mr. Washburn, of Maine, that the North would not rest until the Missouri restriction shall be restored. These gentlemen were successfully replied to by Mr. Oliver, of Missouri. Yesterday, Mr. Stephens, of Georgia,

who always speaks ably, continued the discussion in'a strong and eloquent speech. It is not surprising that the anti-Nebraska men and the members of the "Emigrant Societies," should feel gravelled by the election of a Nebraska Democrat from Kansas as a Delegate to Congress. It is not surprising that they should wring their hands and tear their hair when they contemplate the failure of their scheme for peopling the new Territory of Kan-sas with Freesoilers. They should be permitted

We hope that their lamentations and jeremaids vill not be replied to. To make the measure that occupied so much of the time of the last Congress the subject of discussion at this session, would be a God send to the opponents of it. They delight in agitation, and would rail against slavery until the crack of doom, if they could but get disputants to wrangle with them This is the short session. A vast deal of bu-

scolding.

iness will come before Congress, and it will be a waste of time to discuss over again a subject so thoroughly discussed, so ably illustrated, and so gloriously settled, as was this subject at the last session. None can gain by it but the anti-Nebraska men; and all that they can gain is-

AUGUSTA MACHINE WORKS .- We are gratified to loarn that this establishment, under its present able management, is doing a large and profitable business. The Company have now in their employ some fifty or sixty hands, and all are kept busily at work. At a meeting of the the ensuing year, viz:-H. H. Cumming, W. M. D'Antignae, L. Hopkins, J. C. Carmichael, and Wm. M. Hight. At a subsequent meeting of the Board Wm. M. Hight, esq., was unanimously elected President of the Company .- Consti-

THE RUSSIAN TROOPS-CAMP LIFE .-- Yesterday we had the hardest fighting we have had since the Alma. After six or eight hours hard fighting, we managed to lick them. They were pression abroad is, that we are behind the spirit of all as drunk as fiddlers, and fought like madmen. The slaughter among them was fearful. We lost two of our best Generals and many officers. About 500 prisoners was taken-all almost too drunk to stand upright-and two or three guns. very thing we need. We want such a society in Life in camp is desperately uncomfortable, I can order to systematize our endeavors to improve and tell you-especially in cold weather; and we to discover some certain, reliable data whereby to have had nothing else since I have been here .-We all wish we were in Sebastopol, though what the deuce we are to do when we get there no one knows. I don't see how we can winter there, as in that case we should be obliged to leave these hills to the Russians, who would of information in regard to the improvements and soon turn the tables upon us. The elimate general progress made in agriculture. We might would kill half our men, and have but little effect upon the enemy-that is to say, if we winter under canvass, and that we must do to hold the hills.

> BURNED TO DEATH .- We regret to learn that an old widow lady, by the name of Spencer, living about 7 miles above the village, was burned to death last week. She was very aged, and was living alone, and it appears she fell into the fire and being unable to extricate herself, was Greenville Mountaineer.

DREADFUL Accident .- About a quarter before 12 o'clock last night, one of the boilers at Chisolm's steam rice-mill, at the foot of Traddstreet, exploded, completely demolishing the raft hands that were sleeping in it. A hole was knocked through a brick wall into the engine room, but the Engineer, Mr. Dougall, though covered with the fragments, escaped uninjured. All the hands connected with the rice mill, we believe, escaped unburt. The boiler that exploded was an old one, and the Engineer, who, we understood had just come on duty, was of the opinion that it was occasioned by a deficiency of water .- Charleston Mercury.

VISIT OF QUEEN VICTORIA TO CANADA .- The Canada papers are warmly discussing the propriety of petitioning the Queen to visit her doninions upon this side of the Atlantic Ocean The Hamilton Gazette, Toronto Globe and Montreal Pilot, unite in urging that she be invited to take a voyage next summer, by which time, savs the Pilot, "the war in Europe may have termi-An attempt to revolt among the prisoners in

the New Jersey State Prison was made on Sunday afte: noon. A prisoner availed himself of a defect in an outer cell door to escape from his cell and open the cell doors of two other des perate characters. The keeper heard the noise of a door opening, armed himself and went to discover the cause. When he went to the cell one of the prisoners endeavored to drag him inside, but did not succeed, and aid coming to the keeper the prisoners were secured. RESULT OF VICTORIES .- A late letter from London says: Over £96,000 have been collected in aid of the wives and children of the dead and

wounded soldiers. Trade suffers dreadfully.

The West End shops are literally deserted.-

Half of the aristocracy are in mourning for the

death of kinsmen in the Crimea, and fancy sales are ended. The usual quantity of amusements, (balls, etc.) are curtailed for the same cause. Every third person is in mourning. THE Charleston Mercury, in speaking of the Inaugural Address of Gov. Adams, says: "We have not often read so good a State paper," and further, "Gov. Adams assumes office by a consent so general, and this so plainly secured by his ability, and the confidence in his devotion to

the State, that his administration can hardly fail to be one of the most popular in our annals." A gentleman, in a private letter from the Sandwich Islands, speaking of King Kamehameha, says :- " He loafs around the town of Honolulu-peeps into a tavern and is ready to take a 'nip' with any body that asks him. He isn't worth a 'continental,' and auctioneers won't take his bid at an auction."

A NEW TRAVELLION FIXIN'.- The Wheeling Intelligencer describes a travelling wagon, which passed through that city a few days ago, on its way West, with a stove in it to keep the family warm, and at the same time do the cooking as leston. We owe much to the foresight and re-search that has sustained the work throughout, and to the patient assiduity and exhaustless fer-tility in expedients and resources that have car-tility in expedients and resources that have car-

> Religious Notice! THE Fifth Sunday Union Meeting of the 4th Di-

vision of the Edgefield Baptist Association will be

convened with the Red Oak Grove Church, on Fri day before the Fifth Sunday in December next Subjects of discussion, same as last meeting. S. P. GETZEN, Mod'or. GEO. W. NIXON, Clerk. THE next Ministers' and Deacons' Conference o

Friday before the 5th Sabbath in December next, to meet at 11 o'clock, A. M. Elder John Trapp to preach the introductory Sermon. Elder J. F. PETERSON, Alternate. 1st subject of discussion.-The importance of

he Second Division of the Edgefield Baptist Asso-

ciation will be held with the Fellowship Church on

Sunday Schools in Churches. Elder John Trapp to write an essay on the importance of Churches enforcing the discipline of the

The discussion on the special duties of Deacons. ROBT. BRYAN, Sr., Clerk.

HYMENIAL.

MARRIED, on the 19th inst., at 111 o'clock, P. M., by Rev. D. Bodie, Dr. S. J. WILLARD, of Abbeville District, and Miss E. S. Jones, of this Dis-

MARRIED, on the same instant at 6 o'clock, A. M. by the same, Mr. D. W. THOMAS and Miss ELIZA-BETH STROM, all of this District.

OBITUARY.

DEPARTED, this life on the 12th inst., in this Disrict, Mrs. SARAH GREGORY-something over one hundred years of age, having been a grown lady during the Revolutionary War. She has left a large circle of friends and relatives to mourn their oss. She was at the time of her death an acceptable member of the Lutheran Church, and her friends have the consolation of believing that she now rests in Heaven.

COMMERCIAL.

Correspondence of the Advertiser. HAMBURG, Dec. 23.

the indulgence extended to all losers-that of Corron.-Our market continues dull and depressed, and prices gradually declining. The past week has been very dull-the larger portion of the receipts went in store on account of Planters, they being unwilling to sell at present prices.

We are to-day in receipt of later advices from Europe, which are regarded quite unfavorable to Cotton. Austria has at length formed an alliance with the balance of the allied powers against Russia, with the understanding that a united effort be made against Russia within one month .- What the result will be, is left to conjecture. Our market is therefore so unsettled and prices so irregular, that we are not able to give anything further, than what has transpired in the way of actual sales, from 51 to

Edgefield Collegiate Institute, FOR YOUNG LADIES!

42 Pupils in attendance last Session.

THE next Session will commence on Monday January 8th. 1855. Tuition per Session, 14 weeks. Collegiate " 15 00
Music—Guitar or Piano 18 00
Drawing and French, each 10 00
Pupils using the Apparatus are charged each per

ssion \$2,00. Pupils using the Piano for practice are charged for keeping them in tune per Session \$1,00. All Pupils are charged fifty cents each for con-

The Musical Department is furnished with FIVE PIANOS, which are kept in excellent order, and sed constantly by the Pupils. Vocal Music is taught daily without extra charge.

CHAS. A. RAYMOND, PRINCIPAL. DENTAL SURGERY!

partments the same as last Session.

R. H. PARKER, respectfully informs the citizens of Edgefield District, that he may be found during sale day week at the Planter's Hotel. Edgefield C. H., and at his residence on the Anderson road, eighteen miles North-east of the Village, on every Friday and Saturday following. Specimens of his work, put up on the latest and nost improved principles, can be seen at his Office. His address, when in the country, as heretofore

Likely Young Negroes for Sale. WILL sell at private sale TWO OR THREE very likely NEGRO BOYS, from 16 to 22 years old. They are offered for sale for no fault.

cept the Negroes, to wit:
Blacksmith and Plantation Tools, Household and

Bacon and Stock Hogs, Sheep, Timber, Carts, Wag-ons, Corn, Fodder, Peas, Wheat, Rye and Oats. Terms—Port cash, and balance on 12 months, notes bearing interest with approved security.

M. T. HOLLY. 50

Notice.

A LL Persons indebted to me by Note or open account, (contracted previous to the Co-partnership of Cheatham & Morgan) will save themselves cost by coming forward and settling, as I have heavy payments to make in the Bank of Hamburg during the months of January and February. Those who fail to give the above their special attention by

hands of T. G. Key for collection.

JOHN CHEATHAM. Dec 27 . 3t

THE Subscriber contemplating a change in his L business, early the ensuing spring, carnestly requests all indebted, to call and settle their accounts revious to the first of January next. Interest will be charged on ALL accounts of over six months standing, remaining unpaid at that time.

Notice. LL Persons indebted to the late John Chap-A man, dee'd., or to the late Firm of John Chapman & Sons, by open account previous to this date, will please come forward and settleiche same,

those who know themselves to be in my debt, would save cost by calling on him for a settlement, as I am bound to collect my money. ROBT. BROOKS. 3t

EDGEFIELD DISTRICT.

T appearing to my satisfaction that John Grego-ry, Easter Rankin, Shadrach Dees and wife Celia, and James Rankin and wife Harriet, Defendants in this case, reside without the limits of this State, It is therefore ordered, that they do appear and object to the division or sale of the real Estate of

be entered on record. H. T. WRIGHT, o. E. D. Ordinary's Office, Dec 18 3m Beautiful Presents.

ents to sweethearts, relations or friends. Among them may be found—

ROMANCE OF AMERICAN LANDSCAPE. Sixteen beautiful engraving of American scener;.
THE THOUGHT BLOSSOM. Sixteen en-

THE FLORAL KEEPSAKE, THE PEARL CIFT.

· tf Des 20 Notice! A LL having claims against the Estate of B. F. Goudey, dec'd., will present the same properly attested; and all persons indebted to the said Estate

2m Sell Your Cotton and Pay Your Debts!

A it is the proper time for all persons indebted to me, to sell their Cotton and pay up promptly. What say you gentlemen? M. W. CLARY.

The Teachers will continue in their several De

A. ADAMS. Administrator's Sale.

DY permission of R. C. Fowke, Esq., Ordinary parhweil District, we will sell on the 3d and 4th of January next, at the late residence of Wise Holly, dec'd., all his Personal Property, ex-Kitchen Furniture, Horses, Mules, Oxen, Cattle,

MARTIN HOLLY, Ad'ors

the first of February next, will find them in the

Notice.

M. A. RANSOM, AGENT.

Hamburg, Dec 25 tf

either by note or cash, as I wish to close the business. JOHN A. CHAPMAN, Adm'or. 4t Notice.

HAVE this day placed my Shop Books and Accounts in the hands of J. Cheatham, who is duly authorized to collect and receipt for me, and

Sarah Gregory, dec'd., on or before the first day of April next, 1855, or their consent to the same will

THE Subscriber has just received a splendid as-sortment of GIFT BOOKS, suitable for pres-

gravings on steel. THE HOME ANNUAL, with sixteen fine plates GIFT OF AFFECTION, and a large supply of seautiful Albums. G. L. PENN, Agr. Beautiful Albums.

will make payments to the Undersigned.

ROBT. McDONALD, Acting Ex'or. Hamburg, Dec 18,

S Cotton is now bringing a good price, I think

Dec 27 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Richard Gregory, Alex. Gregory and others

Dec 27