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## FESTIVE SONG.

Come join our choral number,  
Our merry, merry lay,  
While pleasures like a fairy  
Now trips along our way,  
She brings a festive garland,  
From hope's enchanted bowers,  
A wreath of smiling roses,  
Impaired with summer showers.  
Chorus—Singing, singing,  
Singing, singing, merrily,  
All united joyful,  
Mingle our festive song.  
O happy golden moments,  
We hail them with delight,  
While every heart rejoices,  
And every eye is bright;  
The bird that wakes the greenwood,  
The breeze that fans the leaf,  
The brooklet in the meadow,  
Are not more glad than we.  
Chorus—Singing, singing,  
In tuneful voices fall,  
Oh, let us each remember,  
The Lord, the savior and comfort  
Our youthful days below,  
And tell us of a country,  
Where prater blessings flow.  
Chorus—Singing, singing, etc.

## Condensed Report of Legislative Proceedings.

12TH DAY—MONDAY, MAY 7.

### SENATE.

The Senate assembled at 12 M. Mr. Whittemore, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House resolution invoking executive clemency in behalf of certain citizens of this State, now under bonds to answer certain charges in the United States Court, reported back the same without recommendation. Ordered for consideration to-morrow.

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Mr. Reed obtained the floor and opposed the bill on account of its extreme severity, and pending his remarks, the hour for adjournment arrived.

At 3 o'clock the House adjourned.

14TH DAY—WEDNESDAY, MAY 9.

### SENATE.

The Senate assembled at 12 M.

The House sent to the Senate concurrent resolution of inquiry as to the constitutionality of the election for Circuit Judges on the 16th day of December, A. D. 1875.

Joint resolution relative to officers, members and attaches of the General Assembly, and joint resolution relative to the public school tax levy and a tax on pigs, received a third reading, passed and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The enacting clause of a bill to reduce the pay of jurors was stricken out.

Hon. S. A. Swails, President pro tem, took the chair.

On the report (without recommendation) of the Committee on the Judiciary on a House concurrent resolution invoking executive clemency in behalf of certain citizens of this State held under bonds to answer certain charges in the United States Court, the yeas and nays were taken, and resulted as follows:

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So the resolution was not agreed to.

On the question of agreeing to the resolution (by Mr. Swails) relative to Associate Justice Willard, Mr. Maxwell moved to amend by striking out the words "a committee of five be appointed by the President of the Senate," and inserting, in lieu thereof, the words "the Committee on the Judiciary are hereby authorized and required."

The question was then taken on agreeing to the resolution as amended and decided in the affirmative.

At 2:30 P. M. the Senate adjourned.

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Mr. R. R. Hemphill introduced a resolution that after to-day the House hold night sessions from 8 to 11 P. M. Rejected.

Mr. Callison—Bill to amend an act to provide for the redemption of forfeited lands.

Mr. Allen—Bills to incorporate the new town of Batesburg, in the county of Lexington, and amend the charter of Honesport.

Mr. Bradley introduced a resolution that the House do not meet to-morrow, as it is memorial day. Adopted.

The Committee on Agriculture reported favorably on bill from Senate to authorize County Commissioners to submit to the voters of the counties propositions to amend the fence law. Also, reported favorably on bill to incorporate the town of Batesburg.

A bill to amend the criminal law, being the unfinished business of yesterday, was taken up. The pending motion was to strike out the enacting clause.

Mr. Hamilton moved that the House go into secret session. Rejected.

Mr. J. J. Hemphill—There was a time in the history of South Carolina when people were punished for crimes when this chicken-hearted humanity which now seems to prevail did not prevent their punishment. It is right that a man who ravishes a woman or burns up the hard earnings of a lifetime should be punished severely. Can we say now that arson and rape are so severely punished as to deter men from committing them? What is the punishment for such crimes? Why, the felon is sent to the penitentiary and stripes are put upon his clothes instead of on his back; he stays there a few years and then is turned out upon the community to commit the same crime again. It is very sickly humanity that looks only to the care of the criminals, and leaves the innocent unprotected.

Mr. Blue—The only question members should ask themselves is whether it is necessary at this time to make the law more stringent than it has lately been. I would be the last man to increase the number of offenses to be punished by death, if it were not absolutely necessary. Convicts are now treated so well in the penitentiary that many of them when they come out express a desire to do some act that the courts may send them back again. I am in favor of punishing burglary, arson and rape with death; and as to theft of live stock, I think the punishment for that is entirely too light. Why, pigs are getting to be natural curiosities in South Carolina, and if something is not done soon they will entirely disappear, and circles will make more money exhibiting them than any other animals.

Mr. Gray—I have searched the criminal codes of the different States, and of the world, and especially that of England, and I have found no such provisions in any of them as are contained in this bill. I would be in favor of putting a man in the penitentiary for life for arson or rape, for I think the present punishment for those crimes is too light. But I am not in favor of punishing them with death. We know that the most of these crimes are committed by colored men. We know that they are at heart a kind race and try to follow the examples of those above them. The reason why these crimes are now so frequent is that the law is not enforced, and because the chief executive of the State and his agents have been encouraging the colored people to burn and rob and ruin for political ends. Is it true that the people of South Carolina cannot civilize these

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Mr. Youmans—Within the last ninety days men have barely escaped with their lives out of buildings set on fire by incendiaries, and, while before the war we raised our own bacon and had plenty of milk and butter, now we have to do without them or send off to other parts of the world to get them.

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Mr. Aldrich—All the bill does now under the amendments recommended by the committee is to make burglary, arson and rape capital felonies. And I think that men who commit those crimes are unfit to live.

The vote on the striking out the enacting clause was 45 yeas, 49 noes.

Mr. Sheppard moved to continue the bill till next session. Adopted by 54 yeas to 69 nays.

The Chair read a communication from the ladies of the Memorial Association, inviting the members to attend the memorial services to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Miller, (colored Republican) the invitation was accepted.

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I had not expected to do more than simply to return my thanks to you. It would be in vain for me to attempt to express the gratitude I feel. My cordial thanks are all I have to give, and they are truly yours.

The Columbia Register.

Col. James A. Hoy, for many years the Editor of the Anderson Intelligencer, has bought the Columbia Register, which will hereafter be edited by him. With Col. Hoy are associated, in the ownership of the Register, Mr. Emlyn and Mr. McDonald. Col. Hoy has a large experience in journalism, and an enviable reputation for boldness, courtesy and ability. We doubt not he will make the Register an excellent journal, and best wishes of all the Conservative Journalists of the State.

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I don't do a credit business. Have marked my Goods at cash prices, hence I can afford to sell them very low. My stock is full and complete in all lines. I am going to sell them. So delay not, but come at once and avail yourselves of an opportunity to save money in making your Spring and Summer purchases. My splendid stock to select from and close prices will pay you for your trouble in coming, even if you desire to make but a small purchase.

ALVIN HART. 419

Our Senator—M. C. Butler and Gen. Gary Hats, gotten up in the latest and handsomest styles of the season, with a large stock of Men's and Children's Straw and wide brim Planters' Hats, opened to-day at J. H. CHEATHAM'S.

A large and varied stock of Spring and Summer Ready-made Clothing just received at J. H. CHEATHAM'S.

1 Case Prims, 10 Pieces Pants Goods, Hamburg Embroideries, Tuck Combs, Ladies' Gloves and Notions in variety, to arrive this week at W. H. BRUNSON & CO'S.

The Mountain Bells, Atlantic, Surf, and Swallow, are the newest things out in Ladies' and Misses Straw Hats. Examine the assortment at W. H. BRUNSON & CO'S.

Splendid yard wide Bleached Shirtings at 9, 10 and 11 cents per yard. Dwight's extra heavy—soft finished—offered at 11 cents at J. H. CHEATHAM'S.

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A nice line of Ladies' and Misses Untrimmed Hats, latest styles, just opened at J. H. CHEATHAM'S.

Our stock of Shoes is now complete, embracing every variety, and will be recruited from time to time, as the assortment is broken. Give us a trial. We are sure to please you. W. H. BRUNSON & CO.

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