

Josh Ashley, member of the House of Representatives from Anderson county, has introduced a bill in that body to reduce salaries of all State officers. He says that the people are getting awfully tired of hearing tell and not seeing.

Ex-Mayor Estes, of Augusta, Ga., has written Gov. Tillman as follows anent his Port Royal Railroad message:

Augusta, Ga., Nov. 30. Hon. B. R. Tillman, Governor, Columbia, S. C.

Dear Governor—I am glad to see that you are moving in the matter of releasing the Port Royal Railroad, from the bottling process of the Georgia Central Railroad which bulldozed the Mallory Line of steamers out of Port Royal and only allowed them the privilege of getting freight at Brunswick, Ga. The manufacturers of this place and vicinity have been compelled to pay an advance of 25 per cent on their freights to the North. The only way we avoid it is to ship via river to Savannah, and thence to Brunswick and from there to New York.

I hope you will be able to get this road into the hands of parties who will not force everything into the hands of the Central, and thereby put the Port Royal in a position to be run in the interest of the territory and people that it was originally intended to benefit.

I happen to know that the Mallory line would be running into Port Royal now but for the bulldozing of the Central. Yours very truly,
Chas. Estes

(Signed) Chas. Estes

On last Saturday Ernest Gary Esqr, of Edgefield was elected Judge of the Fifth Circuit, in the stead of Judge J. B. Kershaw retired, over W. D. Trantham Esqr. of Camden, by a vote of 121 to 21. Judge Gary is a man of decided ability, a good lawyer and his elevation is eminently satisfactory to both factions of the State Democracy.

Ernest Gary was last Saturday elected Judge of the Fifth Circuit, by the General Assembly and W. A. Neal Superintendent of the Penitentiary. Judge Gary has the reputation of being a good lawyer. Mr. Neal's past experience as a director eminently fits him for Superintendent.—Pikens Sentinel.

Mr. Ernest Gary, of Edgefield, was on last Saturday elected by the Legislature Judge of the 5th Circuit to succeed Judge Joseph B. Kershaw who retires on account of ill health. He will take his seat next June, and hold his first court at Camden. He is a nephew of Gen. M. W. Gary, thirty-five years old, unmarried, and an able lawyer.—Ex.

The Herald does not believe in abusing men for the sole reason that they hold political views antagonistic to our own. We take no stock in the little flings occasionally hurled against the new judge, Ernest Gary. We are disposed to give him a fair show. He is, so far as his reputation goes, an upright and capable lawyer and we doubt not he fully appreciates the high and honorable position he holds.—Spartanburg Herald.

Abbeville is well represented in this General Assembly. Our people have reason to be proud of her sons
To-day Hon. Ernest Gary was elected Judge of the 5th judicial circuit to succeed Judge Joseph B. Kershaw whose term expires next June. He received one hundred and twenty-one votes in joint assembly out of one hundred and forty two, seventy two being necessary to a choice. This is a flattering evidence of the high opinion entertained of his ability and fitness to wear the judicial ermine.—Medium.

The Legislature last Saturday elected Ernest Gery, of Edgefield judge of the Fifth Circuit. Mr. Gary's only opponent was W. D. Trantham, of Camden. The vote was, Gary, 121; Trantham, 21. Judge Kershaw declined to stand for re-election.

Judge Ernest Gary is the second son of the late Dr. F. F. Gary, and brother of Lieut. Gov. E. B. Gary. Judge Gary was born and reared in Abbeville county, received his primary education at Cokesbury. After his graduation he studied law under his uncle Maj. W. T. Gary, of Augusta. He practiced law with his uncle Gen. M. W. Gary in Edgefield, and succeeded him in the practice. Judge Gary is only about thirty-six year old, but is a fine lawyer and a man of character and ability. He is well qualified for the position and will reflect credit upon himself and the State.—Spartanburg Herald.

In England the country roads are so good that a single horse can pull a vehicle with two passengers and a driver more than forty miles a day, and do it with perfect ease. The public highways are likewise good on the continent.

Port Royal.
The Savannah Press characterizes the threatened divorce of the Port Royal railroad from the Central as a "wrecking scheme." Would it be a wrecking scheme to raise the blockade on the finest harbor of the South Atlantic coast, and allow commerce to take its natural course? The Port Royal railroad is at present a mere sidetrack, run only to comply with the law. At the time it passed under the control of the Central, the latter would have pursued the identical policy towards it that it did pursue toward the elevator and compress—allow it to rot down or move it elsewhere. The Central's manifest object in leasing it was to get it out of the way and seal up Port Royal, and it has carried out its purpose up to the present time as effectually as circumstances would permit.

Port Royal to-day presents a melancholy spectacle of the vestiges of embryo greatness. The immense wharves that were once crowded with merchandise are bare and falling to decay: the splendid grain elevator is a crumbling ruin; the cotton compress that once handled thousands of bales of the staple has been moved away, and the railroad workshops have been dismantled. Port Royal's imperial harbor, that will admit the Great Eastern to come up to her docks without lightering, and up whose broad bosom the navies of the world can ride at ease, is well nigh as useless to-day as when the country was inhabited by savages.

Governor Tillman in his message to the South Carolina legislature, makes an insuperable argument against the manner in which an entire line of railroad is practically abandoned and a magnificent harbor obliterated from the map. It is the same that was used with powerful effect in wresting the Central from the grasp of the Terminal. It is this: Under the comity of states no railroad is allowed to go in another state that which is forbidden by the laws of its own state. It is contrary to the spirit and the letter of the Constitution to permit one railroad to buy or lease another for the purpose of lessening or defeating competition, or to encourage or set up monopoly, and consequently it is illegal to do the same in South Carolina.

A powerful and wealthy syndicate has purchased the Abbeville properties at Port Royal, and are proceeding to develop the town. No government appropriation for deepening the harbor is asked for and no aid of any description. All that is wanted is that it be given a chance. Its natural superiority will do the rest.—Macon News.

The Message—What They Think.

It is an able State paper, written in plain, clear and forcible language, and is admired and favorably commented upon by the press of both factions. There is no uncertain sound in the ring of his message, he goes on record and there is no mistaking the record. The whole document carries plain evidences of his sympathy for the taxpayer, and of his anxiety for the progress and prosperity of the State.—People Journal.

The annual message of Governor Tillman to the General Assembly is a paper that the Governor of any State may have just cause to be proud of. The document is a long one but rendered necessarily so by the numerous subjects that it treats of. It is in fact a complete synopsis of the history of our State government for the past twelve months. Despite its length there is no tendency to verbosity or self-praise in it. The language used is clear and concise and its meaning not to be mistaken.—Colleton Courier.

Governor Tillman's inaugural address appears to have been a disappointment to everybody, but I do not understand why. He indicated in advance that he had nothing special he wanted to say, and he is not the kind of man to say nothing gracefully—for which small blame to him. He is not used to platitudes and empty compliments in talking or writing. He has a good many of the qualities of the bull dog and I, for one would be sorry to see a bull dog frisking and doing little tricks like a poodle. It would be an unnecessary sacrifice of natural dignity and entirely unbecoming and unpleasant.—Greenville News.

It is not often that The Star has the opportunity afforded it of praising the present Administration; but it can't refrain from a slight testimonial to Governor Tillman's course in reference to the control of the Port Royal and Augusta Railroad by the Georgia Central contained in his special message to the Legislature in relation to the matter on last Sat-

urday, and which is published in another column of this issue.

The Governor's manly and patriotic action in relation to this Georgia railroad deserves the unstinted applause and approbation of every South Carolinian; and the document in question is an exceedingly able, vigorous, and well timed State paper.—Marion Star.

Uncle Moses' Possum Prayer Answered.

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 13.—Great consternation, followed by wild laughter, was an innovation of the chapel exercises at the penitentiary this morning. It was occasioned by a possum prayer from old Moses Allen, a South Carolina negro with one leg, who was deaming of Thanksgiving Day in the near future. Chaplain Dudley opened the prayer meeting as usual and prisoners followed briefly. When all heads were bowed in reverence, old "Mose jumped at the opportunity and delivered the following prayer:

"Dear, beloved bredrin' ad sister'n I tank de Lord fur pemitin me to kum ter church dis beautiful Sabbat mornin' You all duno dat de butiful Thanksgibin' Day is near at han.' On dat da some folks eat turkey an' some eat chicken' an some eat dek, an some eat lamb, and' some eat sheep. But us niggers, we would like dat good old 'possum. Keh 'im bring 'im in, take all de has-off'u 'im, put 'im out two night and let 'm froes. Bring 'im in. Pabile um. Stuff 'im like stuff 'turkey an' base 'um. Put 'im in the pan sheb stove doah. Go way tunking about Booregard, Jeff Davis, Lincoln and Grant. Let 'im stay in dere awhile. Open dat stove doah. Ol' Posy all turned brown and de gravy drippin in the pan declar de 'possum am cooked. Bring dat 'possum out dat stove, put 'im on de table. Don't cut 'im while e's hot. In Christ's sake amen.

Chaplain Dudley stood aghast at the conclusion of the prayer. moment afterward the chapel echoed the wild and wicked shout of the prisoners. For nearly five minutes consternation reigned, at the end of which time prayer resumed, with no further expressions from the colored brethren.—Cleveland Leader.

UNCLE MOSE'S PRAYER ANSWERED. COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 21.—The South Carolina prisoner who assumed everybody in the Ohio penitentiary prayer meeting last week by asking for a possum and sweet taters ad gravy for a thanksgiving dinner has had his prayer answered, and has received five fat 'possums and several bushels of sweet potatoes. One of the little animals was sent from Xenia. One from Springfield, O, and three from this city. The warden will roast all of them, and on Thanksgiving Day all the darkies in the penitentiary will have a feast.—St Louis Globe Democrat.

"Hades must be like a big hotel in the crowded season." "Yes—without fire escapes."

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In England farming is considered a business that must be learned, as well as anything else. A man without experience would have difficulty in renting or leasing a good farm there, no matter how much capital he might have.

OBITUARY.

JOSEPH H. AITON, eldest son of Maj. John W. Aiton, of Gray township, died on the 18th ult. after a swift case of typhoid fever. A good citizen, faithful to his friends, generous and brave, he laid down his life while it was yet morning; leaving brothers and sisters to the experience of an irreparable loss. And many outside of the sacred circle of kindred share their sorrow and feel that they too frequently find such friends are none to be had; but born Sept. 23, 1838, he had but entered upon his thirty-fourth year when he was taken from those to whom he was uncommonly dear and valuable. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be sufficient for them.
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