

ANOTHER OFFICE SUGGESTED.

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fact that the revenues from this source are far less than from the same source in other States combined under our observation. The laws of this State now require an annual license fee of \$50, which amounted this year to \$5,880. Also, each company doing business in the State is required by law to return "gross premiums" for taxation, from which source the State received taxes on about \$550,000. This year the return of premiums amount to near \$750,000.

The three largest life insurance companies doing business in this State paid into the treasury of Georgia, as reported by the comptroller general of that State, near \$10,000, and into the treasury of South Carolina, as far as the facts have been ascertained, \$150.

The gross receipts have not been returned regularly by any class of companies doing business in the State except fire insurance companies, and these have largely returned only the gross receipts sent by agents to the home office, and thus a large amount escapes taxation. There is another class of companies which slip into the State without complying with its laws in any way and do no less business.

The law should be made more stringent along this line, with a view to prohibiting such business. As it now stands the law affords no adequate protection to the assured in cases of losses where contested judgments obtained, as in many cases no property is owned in this State subject to the process of law necessary to compel payment. The only remedy now is for the comptroller general to revoke the license of such companies, which prohibits further lawful business, but does not afford relief to the citizen of the State who took risks with such companies.

A small deposit from each company admitted into the State, in South Carolina bonds, made with the State Treasurer, would remedy this difficulty, but should not be so large as to be at all burdensome to the insurance companies.

This requirement would also aid in obtaining another difficulty with wild-cat companies, by preventing their entering the State at all, and imposing upon her citizens as now is sometimes done.

All companies admitted into South Carolina should be charged at least \$300,000,000. With the true value, other resources of revenues carefully and judiciously managed and encouraged and expenditures kept within the absolute needs of the government, the levy for State purposes could be reduced to 2 or 2½ mills, and thus a great part of the incentive to the taxpayers to dodge returns will be removed and the estimates placed upon ourselves at home and opinion from abroad of the State not impaired thereby.

The present low rate of assessment of the property of the State, as now published to the world is keenly felt by every citizen who knows the wonderful resources and financial strength of the State. A knowledge of these facts, too, should act as incentive to every good citizen of the State to do his full duty in remedying the evil and encourage those charged with the enactment and administration of laws to the fullest scrutiny of the cause and the application of such remedies and aids as will produce the results desired.

The inequalities of the present assessments are gross and palpably glaring in some instances of the same class of property in different parts of the State, but the law as it now is does not confer the necessary authority upon anybody, except every fifth year, to equalize the assessments of the State. If the authority now given to the State board of equalization for railroads could be extended to all taxable property in the State other than real estate, I think, could be largely remedied, and proper equality of assessments in all these classes of property made and preserved.

W. H. ELLERBE,
Comptroller General.

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The Lexington Dispatch.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1891

M. HARMAN, Editor.

The Legislature convened yesterday. The reading of the Governor's message was postponed until to day. Quite a number of bills were introduced, etc., but only those mentioned below are of interest to our readers. The bill empowering the Governor to remove Sheriffs who allow prisoners to escape, was killed and the marriage license bill was indefinitely postponed. Senator Stokes of Orangeburg, introduced a bill to establish Calhoun county, which with the bill for the same purpose introduced at the last session, were referred to the Judiciary committee which meets Friday afternoon to hear representatives on both sides of the question.

Friday was set for a joint session to elect a Chief Justice. Maj. H. A. Meetez's chances for being elevated to this high position seems to be as good as those of any spoken of in connection with this office. If he be called to this position, the mantle of the lamented Simpson could not fall upon more worthy shoulders.

On Friday evening, Rev. Dr. Lindsey, a Baptist minister of Columbia, noticing indications that one of his twin daughters, four years of age, was unwell, went to a drug store and requested Dr. Bratton, the prescription clerk therein, to give him three quinine capsules of three grains each. One of these capsules was administered to the little girl on retiring to bed by her aunt about 8:30 o'clock. Shortly after 10 o'clock one of the family discovered that the child could not be awakened, and Dr. Lindsey at once summoned Drs. Talley and Heinitch. On their arrival the child was pronounced dead, morphine having been put in the capsules by the drug clerk through mistake for quinine. A coroner's inquest was held and rendered a verdict in accordance with the above facts. Dr. Bratton is deeply afflicted by his sad mistake.

George Ducker, aged about 30 years, attempted suicide at the Hotel Jerome in Columbia Monday morning, by shooting himself with a pistol through the right temple; the ball coming out through the left eye. Hopes are entertained of his recovery, but if he does he will be blind in both eyes. He had written quite a number of letters to relatives and friends and left them in a box in the hotel.

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All the teachers, trustees and schools and those interested in education generally are requested to attend. Dinner will be provided for those members of the Association who will send their names to Rev. E. I. Lybrand before December 4.

This being the first regular meeting of this scholastic year, it is important that we have as full attendance as possible. As Summit is conveniently located, every one can very easily help us by his presence and co-operation; it being possible that all may learn something at the same time. Our object is mutual assistance among teachers and the advancement of education generally. Now, if you care to participate or assist in this advancement you cannot fail to be interested.

If you feel that there is something to learn in connection with the profession of teaching, come and see if you cannot find it. If you are fully informed already, pray come and give the rest of us the benefit of your knowledge. Let all teachers especially come out prepared to spend the day if necessary.

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Summit, December 5.

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The annual report of the Superintendent of Education Mayfield has been given to the press. It is full of good reading for thoughtful teachers and the public generally. Mr. Mayfield is a man of ideas and work.

They were accompanied for the first time by a small, but quite an important member of their household.

Mrs. Capers and children of Prosperity are at Dr. Ridgell's. They are delighted with our village.

The death of Dr. Corley of Waco, Texas, was sad to us. We enjoyed the hospitality of that excellent gentleman at his pleasant home some years ago, and he related numerous incidents of his youth in Lexington and was warmly attached to the old county.

Some of our mill men are on a prospecting tour over the line of the Southbound railroad. They are hunters, and should they pitch their tents on that line, they would move the mud.

One of our esteemed citizens, having drunk of the salubrious waters of Batesburg, can't stay away. He had just as well locate with us again and not try to break the "spell." I speak from experience, Jimmie.

Capt. Harman paid us a flying visit last week. We are always pleased to have him among us.

Batesburg has sent a petition to the Legislature through Senator Meetez, which, we trust, will be the means of still further developing our resources. We hope for early and favorable action.

To-day we recall that the General Assembly meets. No more weighty matters ever demanded the attention of our law makers than those to be presented at the present session. We realize the fact that many reforms are needed, but also know that it is impossible for them to do all. Those who expect the world to be revolutionized simply because they have been told on the stump that great things could be accomplished, may be somewhat disappointed, for, at least, we are only mortals, and time will jog along all the same though our ambition may in part fail, and we should reserve some of our criticism till we get there and see how hard it is to do all the dear people wish.

The weather is real cold and is severely felt owing to the wind. Hog killing has been indulged in by many, but alas, for me, I have not so much as a pig; but we hope for better days by-and-by.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

P. E. ROWELL, Editor.

All communications intended for this Department must be addressed to P. E. Rowell.

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The State of South Carolina,
COUNTY OF LEXINGTON,
IN PROBATE COURT.

S. L. Smith, as Administrator of the Estate of Levi Smith, deceased, Plaintiff,
against
Elizabeth Smith, et al. defendants.

Complaint to sell land in aid of assets, &c.

PURSUANT TO AN ORDER OF THIS COURT, of date 10th November, 1891, I will sell before the court house door in Lexington County, on the first Monday in December next, within the legal hours of sale:

All that piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the county of Lexington and State aforesaid, containing three hundred and nineteen acres more or less, adjoining lands of G. M. Caughman, W. P. Roof, J. J. Seay, J. J. Kizer and perhaps others. Said tract of land will be sold in three tracts as follows, to-wit:

Tract No. 1. Containing one hundred and forty acres, more or less, known as the Home Place, adjoining lands of W. P. Roof, G. M. Caughman, Frank Derrick and Tract No. 2.

Tract No. 2. Containing seventy-three acres, more or less, known as the lands of J. J. Seay, Mrs. Kizer and Tract No. 3.

Tract No. 3. Containing one hundred and five acres, more or less, known as the lands of J. J. Seay, G. M. Caughman and Tracts Nos. 1 and 2.

TERMS OF SALE—Cash. Purchaser or purchasers to pay for papers.

Fifty per cent of the above described lands are on file in the Probate Court.

J. WALTER MITCHELL,
Judge of Probate Court.
November 10th, 1891. 4w2.

For Sale.

THE PERSONAL PROPERTY BE-
longing to the Estate of Capt. M. Hall,
deceased, will be sold at public auction on
the 1st day of December next, at the Home-
stead.

TERMS—Cash.
M. E. HALL, Executor.

Executor's Sale.

AS EXECUTORS OF THE ESTATE OF
Joseph Leaphart, deceased, we will
sell on the first Monday in December next,
at the residence of said deceased, the fol-
lowing described real estate, to-wit:

All that piece, parcel or tract of land sit-
uate, lying and being in Lexington County
and State of South Carolina, containing
seventy acres, more or less, adjoining
lands of J. J. Leaphart, Mrs. Margaret
Dreher, Rannie E. Patterson and Mrs. Ann
Ray.

TERMS—One-half cash; balance on a
credit of two months, 8 per cent, interest
from day of sale. The credit portion to be
secured by bond of purchaser and a mor-
gage of the premises sold. Purchaser to
pay for papers.

Also at the same time and place we will
sell the personal property of the said
Joseph Leaphart, deceased.

WALTER A. LEAPHART,
JAMES J. LEAPHART,
Executors of the Will and Testament
of Joseph Leaphart, deceased.
November 11th, 1891. 4w1.

Notice, Contractors.

SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED
at this office until the first day of De-
cember next, for putting in new sleepers
and cutting vents in the front portion of
the jail.

Commissioners reserve the right to reject
any and all bids.

J. P. JONES,
County Clerk.
J. O. BANKS,
November 1st, 1891. 4w1.

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North Bound.	No 9 Daily.	No 11 Daily.
Lv. New York.....	12 15 N'g't	4 30 P.M.
Lv. Philadelphia.....	3 50 A.M.	6 57 P.M.
Lv. Baltimore.....	6 50 A.M.	9 45 P.M.
Lv. Washington.....	11 10 A.M.	11 20 P.M.
Lv. Richmond.....	3 00 P.M.	3 30 A.M.
Lv. Greensboro.....	10 40 P.M.	10 20 A.M.
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Lv. Charlotte.....	3 15 A.M.	6 25 P.M.
Lv. Chester.....	3 44 A.M.	3 28 P.M.
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Lv. Augusta.....	9 29 A.M.	9 15 P.M.
Lv. Charleston.....	11 35 A.M.	10 15 P.M.
Lv. Savannah.....	6 20 P.M.	6 00 A.M.

South Bound.	No 10 Daily.	No 12 Daily.
Lv. New York.....	4 30 P.M.	3 30 P.M.
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