

Acts Passed at the Recent Session of the General Assembly.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE REDEMPTION OF FORFEITED LANDS, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS THEREIN MENTIONED.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same:

SECTION 1. That in all cases where lands have been forfeited to the State by virtue of existing laws, for the non-payment of taxes prior to the passage of this act, and where the titles to said lands still remain in the State, the owners of said lands, or if they be dead, their legal representatives or heirs at law, shall have the right, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, upon the payment of all taxes, costs, and penalties due and owing upon the same within twelve months after the ratification of this act, and the county auditors of these counties where such lands are situated, upon the payment of such taxes, costs and penalties within the time herein limited, shall expunge the said lands from the forfeited land records of their respective counties: Provided, That if the owners of said lands, or if they be dead, their heirs at law or legal representatives, do not claim said forfeited lands as hereinbefore prescribed, then any judgment creditor, mortgagee, or other person interested in said lands, is hereby authorized to redeem the said forfeited lands within three months after the expiration of the time limited for the owners or heirs of such person to redeem them, upon the same terms and with the same rights as are accorded in the provisions of this act to owners, or, if they be dead, their legal heirs or representatives.

Sec. 2. That it shall be the duty of the county auditor of each county, after the time shall have expired provided in this act for the redemption of lands which have been forfeited to the State for the non-payment of taxes, to give notice of the sale of the same by advertisement in at least one newspaper of the county in which the lands are situated, for thirty days prior to the sale, or if there be no newspaper in the county, in one which has the largest circulation in the county at the time of such sale. The said lands shall not be sold at a price less than the assessed value of the same at the time they became forfeited to the State, one-third of the purchase money to be paid down, and the balance, with interest, in two annual installments: Provided, however, if any person elects to pay the full amount of the purchase money at once, he can do so.

Sec. 3. That all moneys accruing under the provisions of this act which shall be in excess of taxes, penalties, interest or claims upon the lands, due the State, shall be set apart and retained in the hands of the county treasurer as a school fund for the county in which the forfeited lands have been sold; the said fund to be used for educational purposes only, to be appropriated according to the existing laws of this State.

Sec. 4. That after the purchase money shall have been fully paid, together with the interest thereon, the Governor is authorized and required to cause a patent and patents to be issued to such person as may be the bona fide purchaser, owner, assignee or transferee of such lands, or tenants, under and by virtue of any certificate of sale, or under and by virtue of any assignment or transfer of such certificate: Provided, That in case of an assignment or transfer of such patent shall give satisfactory proof to the county treasurer of the preceding transfers and assignments.

Sec. 5. That the county treasurer of each county shall, on or before December 15 of each year, report to the General Assembly all lands sold under the provisions of this act, the certificates of sale issued, and the terms, as well as the amount of cash sale, and the disposition of the funds so derived.

Sec. 6. That all acts, or parts of acts, inconsistent herewith be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved February 13, A. D. 1874.

AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL INSTITUTIONS DOING BUSINESS OR LENDING MONEY AND RECEIVING DEPOSITS UNDER CHARTERS GRANTED BY THE STATE TO PUBLISH QUARTERLY STATEMENTS OF THEIR BUSINESS AND CONDITION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same:

SECTION 1. That all institutions doing business in this State in lending money and receiving deposits under acts of incorporation granted by the State, be and they hereby required, under penalty of a forfeiture of their charters, to publish in a newspaper in the city, town or village where they do business, or otherwise, any and all business reports of the condition and assets of such institution, which report shall contain a statement, under oath, by the president or cashier of such institution, of the amount of the capital stock paid in, deposits, disbursements, property and liabilities of said institution, verified by three of the directors thereon.

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A PAPER FOR THE PEOPLE.

The Herald is in the highest respect a Family Newspaper, devoted to the material interests of the people of this County and the State. It circulates extensively, and an Advertising medium offers unparalleled advantages. For Terms, see first page.

State Medical Association.

The State Medical Association, at its late convention in the city of Columbia, elected the following officers:

President—James McIntosh, of Newberry; 1st Vice-President—W. H. Nardin, of Anderson; 2d Vice-President—B. W. Taylor, of Richland; 3d Vice-President—A. A. Moore, of Kershaw; Corresponding Secretary—J. Somers Baist, of Charleston; Recording Secretary—H. D. Fraser, of Charleston; Treasurer—T. M. Simons, of Charleston.

The next meeting will be held in Greenville, on the first Tuesday in May.

Remarkable.

The following is an extract from a most remarkable editorial of the Charleston Chronicle, of a late date. The Chronicle is one of the most out-and-out radical papers in the State. It is always spitting words and fire into the faces of the democrats, and never sees anything good in them or their principles, and rarely ever finds anything objectionable in the acts of its own party. So you may bet your bottom dollar, when the Chronicle admits the existence of corruption in the republican ranks and cries for reform, that there is some need for reform, and we were about to say—some truth in its repeated cries among republicans for it. We wish we could put faith in its integrity, since "faith is the substance of things hoped for." But here are the words of the Chronicle; read them and be astounded:

"There is danger ahead of us in South Carolina! It will not come in the shape of a Temperance phantasm; but it is already looming up in the shape of charges of excessive taxation, and of rottenness in the ranks of the Republican Party. It will not do for us to turn a deaf ear to the utterings of the coming storm, for the signals have been raised at Washington by the 'Tax-payers' Convention held by journalists, and we have learned how unscrupulous they will be in effecting whatever purposes they may have in view. We must look well to the 'Ship of State' and keep a firm hand upon the helm, else when the storm does come we will be ruthlessly driven upon the rocks. Whatever men there may be amongst us who by their past history have cast a stain upon the Party should be forced to 'take a back seat' that others who are known to be, or supposed to be, honest, shall take their places. No stone should be left unturned to effect a thorough reformation of all that is wrong that the stigma now resting upon the Party shall be removed. It is by this course, and this course alone, that we can outdo the coming storm and bring the 'Ship of State' into the safe harbor of Republican Victory!"

Regulating the Sale of Liquor.

As a matter of both interest and importance to our readers we will note some of the provisions of the act to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors. We will publish the entire act in our next issue. After prescribing the manner and by whom licenses are to be granted, it goes on to say that it shall be a misdemeanor for any one to give, sell, or otherwise dispose of intoxicating liquors, as a beverage, to a person of known intemperate habits, or to one drunk or intoxicated, or to a minor or insane person. Any one convicted of violating this provision will be fined not less than ten dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars, or imprisoned from ten to thirty days. Further, any member of the family or guardian of the above named persons to whom it is unlawful to give or sell intoxicating drinks, may, after giving notice to the seller, in case he violates the law within three months after notification, bring a civil action against him for damages to be assessed by a jury, and for which the seller will be liable on his bond as well as his property. If a person is found drunk or greatly intoxicated on the street or at a public place, he will be liable to fine and imprisonment; and the person who sells liquor which is drunk and produces intoxication on the premises of the seller, is liable to a civil action for \$5 by the wife, parent, child or guardian of such person, in addition to action for damages, but the suit must be instituted within ten days after the commission of the offense.

Southern Musical Journal.

In the April number of this interesting monthly, we find a choice selection of articles, most of which are highly acceptable to its subscribers. The latest and choicest, "Sweet Birds of Spring," by A. B. Clark, is really charming, and needs only to be heard to be thoroughly appreciated. "Jolly Scotchies," of medium difficulty, and "Pleasant Smile Waltz," for little fingers, complete the musical contents. The remaining pages are filled with the most interesting and valuable matter interesting to musical readers. The dollar a year subscription, containing one volume, is a very liberal one, and is well worth the money, especially as it is published by a firm of the highest repute, and the music is of the best quality.

Brain's Medical World.

The April number of this popular medical monthly is out, and, as usual, filled with beautiful and valuable music. The music alone in each volume of the Musical World would cost in retail sales from fifty cents to a dollar, while it is furnished here for only one cent. The publishers will send specimens of the magazine, free of charge, to any one who will send a large descriptive catalogue of popular music, to any address, on application. Address S. Brain's Sons, Cleveland, O.

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VIENNA, April 9, 1874. MESSRS. EDITORS.—It has been so long since we pencilled you a line that we suppose that you have almost forgotten us. But we have an evidence too true and sure to think of at a time that we are forgotten. The friendly face of the "HERALD," as it makes its weekly appearance laden with news from the Sunny South and old Newberry, kindly reminds us of friends far away, of former days, and familiar faces. Soon we hope to meet those friendly faces of former days; to again walk the streets of your now elegant little city; to meet the Senior, returned from his visit by the sea-side, much rejuvenated; to see the Junior in all his glory, and to sit in the sanctum of the "HERALD."

Rain, rain, rain, is the order of the day. But this is April, and brings to mind the little couplet.

"March winds and April showers Bring out the beautiful May flowers."

If the couplet be true, we may expect an abundance of flowers here in May. March gave the wind and April is giving the showers. The lightnings are now flashing, the thunders are crashing and the rain is coming down in torrents. Spring has opened here and the grass is beginning to spring up on all sides, the trees are in full bloom and the birds have been sweetly singing their liveliest strains. Gardeners are busy preparing beds for the reception of seeds and plants. Farmers are breaking up their lands preparatory to planting corn which they put in in May. Wheat is looking very fine and the prospect is good for a large harvest that has been reaped for many years. Prosperity seems to smile on every hand, and we trust it is an auspicious omen for the South. The Star of Her Destiny is now rising, and we hope to see it continue to rise until it reaches the very zenith of its glory, when all shall be peace, quiet and perfect harmony, and when the beautiful South shall be the most prosperous land upon which the rays of the sun rest. All antagonisms must be laid aside. The Olive Branch must be in the hand of every individual. The watchword must be "ONWARD." Streams must be made to turn spirals, run roulers and drive every conceivable kind of machinery. Improvement must be engraven upon every undertaking. Industry must overcome idleness. Idleness must engage employment. When such is the case, then must the South reap a most grand and glorious independence. She is now dependent upon a distant market for almost every manufactured article, even sends to the North for her shoe pegs. We hope the "Newberry Peg Factory" is in full blast by this time, and is now furnishing car loads of such pegs as you sampled some time ago.

Washington News.

The final hearing on the South Carolina trouble before the Sub-Judiciary Committee of the House was had this morning. Cardozo spoke for the counter-memorials, giving a brief account of the finances of the State, showing the cause why the legislature had increased the debt; holding that the Republican administration is only responsible for \$1,300,000 of it; denying that the bonded debt can be shown to be over \$10,000,000, and affirming that of that amount, the old State Government is responsible for \$8,700,000. He held that the Democrats in South Carolina are responsible for the existing state of things. Thomas Y. Simons closed for the memorialists in an exhaustive address of half an hour, in which he shows up in detail, the many wrongs and outrages perpetrated since reconstruction, under the form of law, and carrying their perpetration home upon those in power there in the last six years. He asserted that the disabilities under reconstruction were an absolute barrier against participation by the leading citizens in the formation of the new State Government, and closed by an earnest appeal for such investigation as shall show the truth or otherwise of the charges made by the Tax-payers' Committee. What action the Judiciary Committee will take is believed they will find, however desirous to do so, no fair ground for a recommendation to Congress looking to investigation; though the matter will be "less made the subject of Congressional discussion."

Railroad Matters.

The South Carolina Railway Company's earnings for the year 1873 amounted to \$1,991,015.89, and the expenditures for operating and maintaining the road were \$914,590.57. The ratio of expenses to earnings for the two past years vary only 24.100 per cent.—294,784 tons of freight have been transported within the year. The average charge per ton for freight was \$4.14, and the average expense of moving the same was \$2.35 per ton. A reduction of \$3,381.93 has been effected in the bonds and bills payable.

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