

The report of this office further shows a marked improvement in the management of the public school fund. In October, 1877, the amount of claims outstanding against the school fund of the several Counties was \$209,840.66.

The Superintendent makes the following recommendation for the consideration of the General Assembly: 1. That an act be passed prescribing the manner in which average attendance shall be estimated, and regulating the mode of apportioning the school fund.

2. That an appropriation be made in aid of normal institutes from the same fund from which the expenses were defrayed last year.

3. That authority be granted to the faculties of State Normal Institutes to issue certificates of qualification and diplomas to teachers in public schools.

These recommendations, coming from the source they do, are entitled to, and no doubt will receive, your careful consideration.

The fund donated by the United States government for the establishment in the States of agricultural and mechanical schools is in this State appropriated under the direction of the trustees of the South Carolina University to the maintenance of two schools. The one at Orangeburg, in connection with the Claflin College, has been established for some years, and is accomplishing a valuable work.

Washington Letter.

From our Regular Correspondent. WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 24, 1881.

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Over fifty members of the House of Representatives, and quite a number of Senators, are already here making preparations for the Congressional session, and looking after such political interests as they happen to have at stake—especially the officers in their respective States and districts.

There is another law, however, the continuance of which has elicited much discussion, and will no doubt receive your attention. I allude to that which is known as the lien law. It had its origin immediately after the late civil war, when the farmers of the State were bereft of live stock, implements and supplies with which to renew their planting operations.

serious damage to the best interests of the State. The State Agricultural Society has resolved to memorialize your honorable body upon the subject. The Commissioner of Agriculture, as his duty, will bring the matter fully to your attention.

It seems to me that this will be incurring all the evils of repealing the law without securing one of its benefits. Such action by this Legislature will take effect when a newly elected Legislature is in existence, and can only be operative by the sanction of the last, while such legislation on your part will be provocative of more injurious agitation than a direct and unqualified repeal.

I have deemed it proper to exercise Executive clemency in twenty seven cases during the past year. Of these, sixteen were full pardons, and eleven were commutations of sentence.

In accordance with the provision of the Constitution, I will, at an early day, transmit to you a full statement of each case.

JOHNSON HAGOOD, Governor.

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There is a chance for the President to look after some of our diplomatic affairs abroad. Scarcely had we got Uncle Hannibal Hamlin safely off for Spain—having been sent to a mild climate so that he would not have to buy an overcoat—before Gen. "Steve" Hulbert and the illustrious Kilpatrick, who lost his hat so many times during the war, and now seems to have lost his head, got up a diplomatic scandal down in South America.

of Kilpatrick, but if Mr. Blaine is going to stand sponsor for his friend, Hulbert, he will find that the safest place for him is at home, in Illinois. During his whole career, "Steve" has always shone best at home.



NEWBERRY, S. C. THURSDAY, DEC. 1, 1881.

The Herald is the highest respect a Family Newspaper, devoted to the material interests of the people of this County and the State. It circulates extensively, and as an Advertising medium offers unrivalled advantages.

The Annual Report of the Directors and of the Superintendent of the Penitentiary for the fiscal year ending October 31, 1881, was presented to the Governor last week.

From a copy of the report, for which we are indebted to Superintendent Lipscomb, it appears that this institution of the State, which was formerly one of the most expensive and most troublesome, is now being managed with commendable economy and in a manner highly satisfactory.

The report shows that last year's appropriation of \$23,600 has not been needed, and every dollar of it remains in bank to the credit of the State. The report further shows that the cash on hand from the proceeds of the Penitentiary amounts to \$21,199.99, beside scrip of the Savannah Valley Railroad for convict hire to the amount of \$3,380.00.

Work has been done on the prison wall and other improvements made in the prison to the value of \$2,000. The report further says that if the officers be allowed to use the earnings as they have done for the past two years they will need no legislative appropriation for the coming year except for the payment of officers' salaries.

There were upon the prison rolls October 31st 690 convicts, distributed as follows: R. S. Pringle, Summerville, (Phosphate works) 120, at \$10 each per month; Cahill & Wise, Ten Mile Hill, (Phosphate works) 82, at \$12.50 per month; Augusta & Knoxville R. R. 46, at \$7 per month for 21, and \$12.50 per month for 25; the State's farms, near Columbia, 157. Within the Penitentiary A. C. Dibert is working 96, at 50 cents each per day, in the manufacture of shoes.

The report shows that there is due from contractors on account of escaped convicts \$25,000; the claims against these contractors have been placed in the hands of an attorney for enforcement.

The Directors and Superintendent make the following recommendations: 1st. That the State purchase the land immediately in front of the Penitentiary for the purpose of erecting upon it suitable buildings for the residence of the Superintendent and other officers of the institution; 2nd. That provision be made for employing a regular surgeon for the Penitentiary at a salary of \$1,000.

The prison discipline has been strict but kind, and the inmates have enjoyed remarkably good health, as is fully proved by the report of the Surgeon, Dr. D. S. Pope.

The Election of Judges and Other Officers. The Legislature met in joint session Tuesday to elect five Circuit Judges for four years. Judge B. C. Pressly, of the 1st Circuit, Judge J. H. Hudson, of the 4th, Judge W. H. Wallace, of the 7th, and Judge J. S. Cochran, of the 8th, were re-elected without opposition.

The nominees from the 6th Circuit were Senator I. D. Witherspoon, of York, and Representative J. J. Hemphill, of Chester. Witherspoon received 84 votes, Hemphill 64—Witherspoon elected. Judge Mackey was not a candidate for re-election. The nominees from the 2nd Circuit were Judge A. P. Aldrich, of Barnwell, and Senator J. W. Moore, of Hampton. Aldrich received 91, Moore 54—Aldrich elected.

Judge Sam'l McGowan, of Abbeville, was re-elected Associate Justice of the Supreme Court for the next six years without opposition.

Col. A. P. Butler, of Aiken, was re-elected Commissioner of Agriculture without opposition. Representatives W. D. Johnson, of Marion, and A. S. J. Perry, of Charleston, were elected members of the Board of Agriculture.

Senators Bradley, of Pickens, and McCall, of Marlboro', were elected Directors of the Penitentiary. James F. Izlar, of Orangeburg, and F. W. McMaster, of Columbia, were elected Trustees of the S. C. University.

The Lien Law. Will be the subject of much discussion in the Legislature. There will be a strong effort made to repeal the law, and the fact that the Governor, himself a prominent and experienced planter, favors the repeal will have considerable weight.

Yesterday's Columbia Register says: "Mr. Geo. Johnstone, of Newberry, made a very spirited and sensible speech yesterday in the House against hasty legislation."

Mr. Johnstone certainly had a very good and appropriate subject. Hasty legislation cannot but be very imperfect, and time saved by such means is no economy. Take your time, gentlemen, and do your work deliberately; otherwise you will not do it well.

Judge Mackey claims that his speech at Georgetown was not correctly reported by the Times. He says that he did not charge the whites with injustice in refusing the negroes a larger representation in the Legislature; but that he did advise the whites and blacks to come to some sort of compromise and understanding which would put a stop to the race prejudices that now exist and that cause so much trouble at every election.

The Committee on Elections has submitted a very elaborate bill to the Legislature upon the election laws of the State. One of its features is that it requires every voter to register in his own precinct, and requires of him a fee of fifty cents to pay the expenses of the registration office. If the voter removes from one precinct to another he can get a certificate of registration for twenty-five cents, and can file it in the precinct into which he moves.

There is an important amendment before the Legislature on the insolvent debtor's act. The amendment proposes to take away from the insolvent debtor the right to give preference among his creditors. If adopted this would put the insolvent debtor in the condition of an involuntary bankrupt.

This is the third week of Guiteau's trial. The trial has no interest beyond the fact that the defendant is the assassin of a President. Public sentiment seems to have settled into the belief that he is insane.

The residence of Dr. P. F. Stokes, of Blackville, was burned Sunday. The residence of Mr. Geo. H. McMaster, of Winnsboro', was burned Saturday night.

Richard James, colored, was hanged at Marion Friday, 25th ult., for the murder of D. M. Harrell the 9th of August, 1880.

Henry Johnson, colored, was hanged at Sumter Friday, 25th ult., for the murder of John Davis, colored, the 5th of February last.

There will be a meeting of the students and alumni of the South Carolina College at Columbia the night of the 6th instant. Attorney-General Yonmans will deliver an address in the Opera House, and the party will then partake of a sumptuous repast. On the 7th there will be a business meeting.

The South Carolina Conference (Methodist) will meet at Union the 14th of this month. Bishop Pierce, of Georgia, will preside. The delegates from this (Cokesbury) District are Dr. E. T. McSwain, Cross Hill, J. Fuller Lyon, Abbeville, D. P. Boyd, Edgefield, Rev. J. P. Pritchard, Cokesbury; alternates, S. Casson, Abbeville, T. S. Moorman, Newberry.

The Seventh Comet of the Year. Director Swift, of the Warner Astronomical Observatory, Rochester, N. Y., at 11 o'clock P. M. of the 16th ult., discovered a faint, round tailed comet in the constellation Cassiopeia, which has a Right Ascension of 1 hour 50 minutes and a Declination north of 71 degrees with a motion slowly westward. This is the seventh comet which has been discovered since the first of May last, four of which meeting the conditions of the fund, have received the Warner Prize of \$200. Prof. Swift procuring the first and last award. Inasmuch as the comet of 1812 is expected in the quarter in which this one appeared, Prof. Swift is not sure at present that the stranger may not be the familiar comet which was discovered by Pons. In 1878 Director Swift, at Denver, claimed to have discovered an intra Mercurial planet. In May, 1882, he will visit Egypt, under the munificent provision of Mr. H. H. Warner, to observe the Total Eclipse, at which time he hopes to verify his intra Mercurial planet discovery. Mr. H. H. Warner's generous patronage of science has given astronomical study a wonderful impulse during the past twelve months, and the country is to be congratulated on having so broad minded a man so "substantially" devoted to the upbuilding of her intellectual as well as physical interests.

One Experience from Many. I had been sick and miserable so long and had caused my husband so much trouble and expense, no one seemed to know what ailed me, I was completely disheartened and discouraged. In this frame of mind I got a bottle of Hop Bitters and used them unknown to my family. I soon began to improve and gained so fast that my husband and family thought it strange and unnatural, but when I told them what had helped me, they said "Hurrah for Hop Bitters! long may they prosper, for they have made another mother well and us happy."—The Mother.—Home Journal.

Married. November 23, 1881, by Rev. Harrison Fowler, Mr. P. E. SLIGH to Miss MATTIE BROOKS—all of Newberry County.

November 24, 1881, by Rev. James McDowell, Mr. J. A. RICE to Miss MARY ANN RICE, daughter of Hon. Jno. S. Richardson, of Sumter.

POST OFFICE. NEWBERRY, S. C., Nov. 26, 1881. List of advertised letters for week ending Nov. 26, 1881: Johnson, Dewitt; Strother, Frank Mack; Henry; Strother, Anson; Robinson, Miss Fannie Turner; George Setzler, Miss Laura.

Any one having a good MILCH COW for sale can find a purchaser by applying at the HERALD OFFICE. Dec. 1, 48-51.

TO RENT. Will rent, to an early applicant, the plantation belonging to the estate of S. C. Merchant. Apply to W. ERNEST MERCHANT. Dec. 1, 48-51.

Goods Well Bought. ARE HALF SOLD. Recognizing the above maxim to be true and having bought an immense stock of Fancy and Xmas Goods AT UNPRECEDENTEDLY LOW PRICES, We are prepared to give our customers the benefit of our purchases and ARE NOT TO BE UNDERSOLED.

Just received another lot of The Popular S. & N. Ciga R. Prettiest VASES and TOILET SETS at PRICES THAT SURPRISE YOU. Always kept in stock nearly Every Imaginary Drug. Direct from the Manufacturers. Loils and Cords of Soap. Largest and cheapest stock of HANDSOME LAMPS—EVERY SORT. Notwithstanding advances we have All Grades of TOBACCO. We feel satisfied our stock of FANCY GOODS is MOST SELECT AND BETTER. Adapted to the wants of the people. To Satisfy, Call and Examine. KEEPER TO POOR HOUSE AND JAIL. PHYSICIAN TO POOR HOUSE AND JAIL.

Notice is hereby given that until 10 o'clock, A. M., on Tuesday, December 20th, next, the undersigned will receive sealed bids for Keeper to the Poor House, and for Physician to the Poor House and Jail, of this County, for twelve months commencing January 1st, 1882.

The Keeper will be required to transport free of further cost all paupers to the Poor House; all wood, fuel, clothing and provisions for the paupers; to cultivate free of cost from six to ten acres of the Poor House Farm; to give a good and sufficient bond in the sum of one thousand dollars; and to do all other things now required of the present keeper, whose contract may be seen at any time by calling upon me.

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Special Round-Trip Rates. For single individuals from all Stations on the Columbia & Greenville R. R., and its Branches and Leased Lines, to the INTERNATIONAL COTTON EXPOSITION AT ATLANTA, GA.

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INTERNATIONAL COTTON EXPOSITION AT ATLANTA, GA. Via Seneca City and the Atlanta & Charlotte Air Line Railway Division of the Richmond and Danville R. R.

For single individuals from all Stations on the Columbia & Greenville R. R., and its Branches and Leased Lines, to the INTERNATIONAL COTTON EXPOSITION AT ATLANTA, GA.

Notice of Final Settlement. I will make a final settlement on the estate of Henry B. Spearman, deceased, in the Probate Court for Newberry County, on the 30th day of January, 1882, at 10 o'clock A. M.; and immediately thereafter will apply for discharge as Administrator of said estate. JOHN A. WEIRTS, Adm'r., &c. Dec. 1, 48-51.

FOR SALE. 85 ACRES OF GOOD COTTON AND CORN LAND. There are two water powers on this tract of land. One has Gotton Gin, Power Press and Oorn Mill; 14 feet fall. The other has a Water Mill, with 24 feet overshoot wheel, cast iron gears.

FOR RENT. Poor House Farm FOR RENT. Sent by mail will be received by the undersigned until 10 o'clock, A. M., on Tuesday, December 20th, next, for the rent for the year 1882, of 800 bushels of the Poor House Farm as lies on the North side of the public highway running through the same. F. WEBER, JR., Clerk C. C. N. C. Dec. 1, 48-51.

VALUABLE LAND FOR SALE. The "Lake Place," containing about Three Hundred and Fifty Acres, lying about two miles and a half from Newberry, G. H.

The "High Place," containing about One Hundred and Eighty Acres, lying about two miles from Newberry, G. H.

The "Mill Place," containing about Three Hundred and Ninety Acres, lying about a mile and a half from Newberry, G. H.

"T. P. C. W. O. I." HOW THE PEOPLE CROWD MAYBIN & TARRANT'S DRUG STORE.

Physicians' Prescriptions a Specialty. MAYBIN & TARRANT, Druggists and Pharmacists. FIRE INSURANCE AGENCY. ESTABLISHED 1876.

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NEW LOT OF Stationery JUST RECEIVED AT THE HERALD BOOK STORE.

Consisting in part of Memorandum and Pocket Books of all kinds—some large and fine. Blank Books, all sizes and prices. Counting House Rulers.

Beef! Beef!! Beef!!! At Stall No. 7. The subscriber respectfully announces to the citizens of Newberry, that he will keep a supply of CHOICE BEEF at Stall No. 7, to which he invites attention. A share of the public patronage solicited.

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