

Air Line Railroad.

The bonds of this County, in aid of the construction of the Air Line Railroad, were voted and issued under the impression that the track and all other property of the Road would be taxed under the laws of the State, and would, thereby, contribute largely towards the payment of the interest on the bonds. After the bonds had been issued, the State called upon the Road for its taxes, and it refused to pay, claiming exemption under its charter for a period of thirty-six years. The case went before Judge Bond and he decided in favor of the Railroad. The State appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States, and there the case has been pending ever since. It is the opinion of well informed lawyers that the State will gain the suit, and the Road will be compelled to pay its taxes. The Supreme Court in some Railroad case has already decided that where a corporation had been exempted from taxation, such exemption was not a franchise that could be transferred in the sale of the Road, and when sold and the property of the second proprietor, it became liable to taxation. This decision covers the case of the Air Line Railroad exactly, and there is scarcely any doubt but what the Supreme Court will decide promptly, when the case is reached, that the Road is liable (having been sold to the second party) and must pay its State and County taxes. But the impression, somehow or other, has gone out amongst our people that subsequent to the bringing of this suit by the State against the Railroad, the Radical Legislature of 1876, passed an Act which enabled the Road to transfer in its sale the right of exemption from taxation.— This impression is made, we are informed by the reading of Section 2, of the Act, which is as follows:

“Sec. 2. Such corporation shall possess all the powers, rights, immunities, privileges and franchises in respect to such Railroad, and the part thereof included in such certificate, and in respect to the real and personal property appertaining to the same, which were possessed or enjoyed by the corporation which owned or held such Railroad previous to such sale under or by virtue of its charter, and any amendments thereto, and of other laws of this State or the laws of any other State in which any part of such Railroad may have been situated, not inconsistent with the laws of this State.”

By the reading of this section alone it does really appear that the intention of the Legislature was to warrant parties purchasing railroads, exempted in their charter from taxation, the right to evade this decision of the Supreme Court, and to permit them to enjoy the privilege of exemption from taxation. But such is not the case. If they will only read the second proviso of Section 5 of the same act, (the title is, “an act to enable the purchasers of railroads to form corporations, and to exercise corporate powers, and to define their rights, powers and privileges,” approved March 24, 1876,) they will perceive that the right of exemption from taxation is positively forbidden. The proviso reads as follows: “And provided further: That such Railroad shall not be exempted from taxation, and that such agreement for consolidation shall contain no provision in conflict with the provisions of this act, or which shall exempt such Railroad, so far as it lies in this State; from the operation of the laws of this State.” The proviso is plain and positive; and under no possible construction of the act could the Railroad be exempt from taxation.

In connection with this subject, it may not be amiss to state that Representative D. F. Bradley has introduced and referred to the Judiciary Committee the following bill:

SEC. 1. That section 2 of an act, entitled “an act to enable the purchasers of Railroads to form corporations, and exercise corporate powers, and to define their rights, powers and privileges,” approved March 24, 1876, so far as it relates to the exemption of the Atlanta and Charlotte Air-Line Railway Company from taxation be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

SEC. 2. That, from and after the passage of this act, the property of the Atlanta and Charlotte Air-Line Railway Company shall be assessed in the same manner, and the said corporation shall pay such taxes at such times as are now paid by other Rail-

road corporations within this State liable to taxation.”

The intention of the introduction of this bill was to have the Judiciary Committee of the House to investigate all the law under which the Road claims exemption from taxation, and report, if necessary, such legislation as will compel the Road to pay its taxes.

Mr. Bradley was satisfied that the Road could not claim exemption under the provisions of this act, but his object was, as above stated, to have the Judiciary Committee to investigate all the law on the subject. In our opinion the people may rest assured that the Railroad will have to pay its taxes as soon as the case is heard by the Supreme Court.

Election of Judges.

On Thursday, 14th instant, a joint ballot was had by the General Assembly for the election of Judges, which resulted as follows: 1st Circuit, B. C. Pressley; 2d Circuit, A. P. Aldrich; 3d Circuit, A. J. Shaw; 4th Circuit, J. C. Hudson; 6th Circuit, T. J. Mackey; 8th Circuit, Thomas Thomson.

It will be seen from the above that only two of the six ousted Judges were re-elected, to wit: A. J. Shaw and T. J. Mackey. Mackey has been a Republican, but in the last campaign fought with might and main for Hampton and his ticket. To his work and influence we are greatly indebted for our success in the last campaign.

Judge Cooke was defeated. He also did heroic work in the last campaign for Hampton and ticket, but his opponent, Col. Thomas Thomson, of Abbeville, was too strong for him.

Col. Thomson is one among the first lawyers of the State, an accomplished and polite gentleman, deeply versed in legal lore, of a quick and discriminating mind, he will make an excellent Judge and will add much towards restoring the Judiciary of the State to that high standard, for purity and learning, it enjoyed before the war. The Legislature has done well and the people of the Eighth Circuit take pride in pointing to Col. Thomson as their Judge.

Judge Mackey will hold Court at this place on the 3d Monday in March.

Hon. A. P. Aldrich.

When law was dethroned in South Carolina and military force dictated what should, and what should not be done, Judge Aldrich threw off the ermine and retired to private life. It was a noble and manly protest, and the good people of this State will rejoice at the action of the Democratic Caucus in nominating him for the position, which he honorably held and honorably resigned.

Judge Shaw.

Judge Shaw has met at the hands of the Democratic Caucus a fitting recognition of his honest, earnest and able work on the bench. With such men as himself, those now on the bench and the other gentlemen, who have been nominated, wearing the ermine, the bench of South Carolina will again become what it formerly was, an honor to our State and a source of pride to our people.

Appointments.

The Governor has appointed John R. Gossett, Trial Justice for Pickensville township, vice T. W. Russell resigned; J. B. Sutherland, for Dacusville township, vice B. F. Morgan declined and M. A. Boggs, for Salubrity township, vice J. R. Holcombe removed from the State.

The President told a congressional caller the other day, that he considered Wade Hampton the fairest man in South Carolina. He had allowed the negroes to organize military companies, and had appointed them to justiceships of the peace and other local offices. The President said that, although the Republicans generally did not believe it, he was convinced that Hampton was doing his best, and trying to do the fair thing.

The National debt, and Federal taxation in consequence thereof, rasp the spinal column bad enough; but it is the State, county and municipal taxes that crowd the people to the ragged edge of despair and make them feel that it would have been better if they had been carried off with the whooping cough in their infancy.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Kellogg, of Louisiana, says that the \$20,000 he borrowed in November, 1876, put Hayes into the White House.

At It Again.

Speights, who used to run a first-rate straightout paper up in Greenville, and who afterwards became a most hospitable boniface, finds it impossible to keep out of the fourth estate. He has therefore concluded to jump into the arena again, and edit a daily and weekly paper. This new arrangement of our former contemporary will not interfere with his present occupation as “mine host,” as he proposes to keep both machines running at one and the same time. Every body who knows Speights knows of his ability to keep two or three irons hot all at once, and there is, therefore, little doubt that he will be a success in his new enterprise.—Register.

Gen. J. D. Kennedy has been elected Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, vice A. C. Haskell resigned. The committee urges the immediate re-organization of the Democratic clubs throughout the State.

BRITISH OFFICERS SUMMONED HOME

—A telegram from Richmond Va., says: “Maj. C. E. Norton, of the English army, who has been on a visit to friends in one of the lower counties of this State, has to-night received a telegram from the commandant of his regiment, informing him that all leaves of absence granted officers of that army had been rescinded, and that they were ordered to return to their commands at once. The officer was directed to report to his regiment without an hours delay.”

St. Louis, February 13.—A deputy United States marshal has visited Scotland County and served on the county judges seven alternative writs of mandamus, commanding them to appear before the United States Circuit Court in St. Louis on the third Monday in March next, and show cause why they should not be commanded to levy a tax to pay judgments against the county on its railroad bonds. The judgments in these seven cases amount to \$30,000. Similar proceedings are pending against other counties which have defaulted in the interest of their railroad bonds.

Lists of Patents dated January 15, 1878, issued to residents of the States named below. Reported by C. E. Foster, Patent Attorney, 509, 7th street, Washington, D. C.

J. T. Wright, Columbia, Tenn., seed droppers; W. V. and D. J. Devault, Johnson city, Tenn., straw cutter; S. H. Jenkins, Nashville Tenn., punches for metal; J. D. Thomas, Ft. Worth, Tex., jail cells; J. C. Randall, Sulpher Springs, Tex., horse powers; W. R. Lenard, Waco, Tex., bale ties; Andrews and Edwards, Gainesville, Tex., bale ties; G. A. Wells, Hopkinsville, Ky., writing inks; S. J. Chapman, Charleston, S. C., bale ties; R. M. Stewart, Americus Ga., turbine water wheel; D. P. Ferguson, Jonesborough, Ga., plows; A. Vewson, Valdosta, Ga., plows; J. A. Hitter, Jr., St. Martinsville, La., letter punch; G. Bull and L. Cock, New Orleans, La., bale band tightener; T. L. Jones, Natchez, Miss., steam generator.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 15.—A leading grain circular says that the threatening political situation has strengthened the wheat trade, and though caution generally prevails prices are somewhat dearer at most markets, as well as for off coast and future arrivals. Maize is looking up slightly.

St. PETERSBURG, Feb. 15.—The Agence Russe says that all the newspapers point out that the British fleet has entered the Dardanelles in spite of the Sultan's protest, and is consequently violating the Treaty of Paris of 1856.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The London correspondent of the Liverpool papers state that a portion of the militia will soon be called out, and that two corvettes now in American waters have been ordered to join the Mediterranean squadron.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 13.—The ordinary telegraphic routes have been restored.

Hostilities have been renewed in Thessaly.

The Black Sea blockade has been raised; and many ships are going there for grain.

Representative John S. Verner, of Oconee, has been appointed Inspector General on the staff of his Excellency the Governor, with the rank of Colonel of Cavalry.

The Legislature

Our present Legislature will be known to history as the most remarkable body of lawmakers the State has ever had. It has done more good service to the State and received more low, dirty abuse than any of its predecessors, even during the corrupt rule of the carpet-bagger. Right in the midst of a revolution without parallel in American history and fraught with perils the most imminent and deadly, with everything desperate and disheartening to contend against, the Legislature has done its duty like men. Mistakes have been made, no one denies this; but the real good of the commonwealth has been guarded with jealous watchfulness and care. Men must remember that the circumstances by which the present Legislature has been surrounded have been totally without a parallel in this State. Even if the Legislature has committed errors, criticism and abuse come with bad grace from those newspapers which were regularly in the hire of the radical robbers and from men who wanted office and didn't get it. We do not desire to hide the faults of our lawmakers. When they have completed their labors let the record be made up and let them stand or fall by it.—Abbeville Medium.

Stanley Matthews seems to have lost his head over the Louisiana business; he is quoted with thinking Ben Butler the recipe for its cure.

Josh Billings says I have seen young men who I thought waz too exemplary, they waz so good they want good for nothing else.

The Parent of Insomnia.

The parent of insomnia or wakefulness is in nine cases out of ten a dyspeptic stomach. Good digestion gives good sound sleep. Indigestion interferes with it. The brain and stomach sympathize. One of the prominent symptoms of a weak state of the gastric organs is a disturbance of the great nerve entrap, the brain. Invigorate the stomach, and you restore equilibrium to the great centre. A most reliable medicine for the purpose is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which is far preferable to mineral sedatives and powerful narcotics which, though they may for a time exert a soporific influence upon the brain, soon cease to act, and invariably injure the tone of the stomach. The Bitters, on the contrary, restore activity to the operations of that all important organ, and their beneficial influence is reflected in sound sleep and a tranquil state of the nervous system. A wholesome impetus is likewise given to the action of the liver and bowels by its use.

Goods at Cost.

CONTEMPLATING A CHANGE in our business, we offer our entire stock of BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, CALICOES, WORSTEDS, JEANS, CASEMERE, Notions, &c., at and below costs. Come and try us.

Our Grocery

DEPARTMENT will be kept full and complete, and will be sold as cheap as such Goods can be bought in any other house in Pickens. We will have in store, in a few days a heavy stock of

Bacon.

Which we will sell at bottom figures for the CASH, only.

JOHN T. GOSSETT & CO. Easley, Feb. 11, 1878. 24 2

“COTTON IS KING.” AND THE NEVASSA GUANO THE KING AMONG FERTILIZERS.

We are the Agents again this season for the sale of the above named, unequalled FERTILIZER. As some evidence of its popularity, we will state that we sold the last season 85 tons of it to planters in Pickens and Anderson, and all has been paid for except about one half-ton, and in every instance the purchasers expressed themselves as highly pleased with the Manure, and their intention to purchase again this season.

The following certificate amongst others we have from prominent farmers in the County will speak for itself.

PICKENS COUNTY, S. C., February 8, 1878.

MESSE J. T. GOSSETT & Co: Gents: The Nevassa Guano bought from you last season, I was well pleased with. I used it along side the Merimon Guano, and the Nevassa yielded me two hundred pounds seed Cotton per acre, more than the Merimon, and it was the Guano and not the land that made the extra yield. I cheerfully give you this certificate, because I know the manure is deserving of it. Respectfully, E. F. ALLGOOD.

We give a Cotton option. Will deliver Guano either at Easley or Liberty. Persons in the neighborhood of Pickens, wishing to purchase our Manure, will please call on Mr. W. T. McFALL.

J. T. GOSSETT & CO. Easley, Feb. 11, 1878. 24 3

‘VEGETINE.’

Says a Boston physician, “has no equal as a blood purifier. Hearing of its many wonderful cures after all other remedies had failed, I visited the Laboratory, and convinced myself of its genuine merit. It is prepared from bark, roots, and herbs, each of which is highly effective, and they are compounded in such a manner as to produce astonishing results.”

VEGETINE Is the great Blood Purifier.

VEGETINE Will cure the worst case of Scrofula.

VEGETINE Is recommended by physicians and apothecaries.

VEGETINE Has effected some marvellous cures in cases of Cancer.

VEGETINE Cures the worst cases of Canker.

VEGETINE Meets with wonderful success in Mercurial diseases.

VEGETINE Will eradicate Salt Rheum from the system.

VEGETINE Removes Pimples and Humors from the face.

VEGETINE Cures Constipation and regulates the bowels.

VEGETINE Is a valuable remedy for Headache.

VEGETINE Will cure Dyspepsia.

VEGETINE Restores the entire system to a healthy condition.

VEGETINE Removes the cause of Dizziness.

VEGETINE Relieves Faintness at the Stomach.

VEGETINE Cures Pains in the Back.

VEGETINE Effectually cures Kidney Complaint.

VEGETINE Is effective in its cure of Female Weakness.

VEGETINE Is the great remedy for General Debility.

VEGETINE Is acknowledged by all classes of people to be the best and most reliable blood purifier in the world.

Vegetine Prepared by H. R. STEVENS, Boston Mass.

VEGETINE Is Sold by All Druggists. Jan 31, 1878. 21 4

Administrator's Sale.

BY permission of W. G. Field, Judge of Probate for Pickens County, I will sell to the highest bidder at the late residence of Robert Craig, deceased, on THURSDAY, 28th instant, the following described property, to wit: LOT CORN AND FODDER; One Horse; One Mule; One Carriage; One Wagon; Lot of old Wagons; Lot of Cattle; Lot of Hogs; Lot of Sheep; Household and Kitchen Furniture. TERMS CASH. A. R. CRAIG, Ad'mr. Feb 14, 1878. 23 2

Keowee Lodge, No. 79. A. F. M.

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF KEOWEE LODGE, No. 79, A. F. M., will take place on SATURDAY ON OR BEFORE THE FULL MOON IN EACH MONTH. The attendance of all the members is earnestly requested. R. A. CHILD, W. M.

W. G. FIELD, Secretary.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.—Notice is hereby given, that I will apply to W. G. Field, probate Judge, for Pickens County, to make a final settlement of the Estate of ALFRED McCRAIG, deceased, on the 23d day of March next, and ask to be discharged as Administrator. J. J. LEWIS, Adm'r. Feb 21, 1878. 24 5

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. All persons having demands against the Estate of ROBERT CRAIG, deceased, are hereby notified to present them legally attested; and those indebted to make payment, either to me at my residence on Keowee, or to my Attorneys, Norton, Keith & Hollingsworth, at Pickens C. H., on or by the 15th March next. A. R. CRAIG, Adm'r. Feb 14, 1878. 23 4

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.—Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that I will apply to W. G. Field, Judge Probate for Pickens County, for leave to make a Final Settlement of the Estate of Susan Cooley, deceased, on Tuesday, 26th day of February next, and ask to be discharged therefrom. W. G. COOLEY, Executor. Jan 24, 1878. 20 5

Notice,

BY permission of W. G. Field, Judge of Probate, I will sell, for cash, to the highest bidder, at Pickens C. H., S. C., on Saturday in March next, all the NOTES and ACCOUNTS belonging to the Estate of J. M. McFall, deceased, appraised doubtful and worthless. TERMS CASH. W. T. McFALL, Adm'r. Feb 21, 1878. 24 2

To All Whom These Presents May Concern.

ALL persons indebted in the Clerk's Office for Recording, must come and pay for their DEEDS and take them out of the office. After this date no Deeds or other Papers will be Recorded, unless the fees are Paid in Advance. J. J. LEWIS, c.c.p. Jan 3, 1878. 17 2m

Sheriff's Sale.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA. PICKENS COUNTY.

IN THE PROBATE COURT.

BY virtue of an order to me directed, by W. G. Field, Judge of Probate, in and for the County of Pickens, bearing date 31st January, 1878, I will sell to the highest bidder, on 1st Monday in March next, the following LAND, to wit: All that TRACT OF LAND, situate in Pickens County, South Carolina, on a branch of Town Creek, adjoining lands of J. E. Haigood, Mary Haynes and others, and containing One Hundred and Forty six Acres, more or less. Sold as the property of Elisha Kelley, deceased, for partition. TERMS: On a credit of twelve months, purchaser to give bond and mortgage of premises. The costs of partition and sale, and papers cash on day of sale. JOAB MAULDIN, s.r.c. Feb 7, 1878. 22 4

Sheriff's Sale.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA. COUNTY OF PICKENS.

IN THE PROBATE COURT.

BY virtue of an order in the above stated case, to me directed, by W. G. Field, Judge Probate for the County and State aforesaid, dated the 31st day of January, 1878, I will sell to the highest bidder, on 1st Monday in March next, during the legal hours of sale, at Pickens Court House, the following LANDS, to wit: All that TRACT OF LAND in Pickens County, S. C., adjoining lands of Russell Duke, Bunk Arter, and lands mortgaged by Jackson Arter to R. E. Holcombe, and containing One Hundred and Thirty Acres, more or less. Sold as the property of Jackson Arter, deceased, for payment of debts and partition. TERMS CASH—Purchaser to pay extra for titles. JOAB MAULDIN, s.r.c. Feb 7, 1878. 22 4

Sheriff's Sale.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA. COUNTY OF PICKENS.

BY virtue of sundry executions, to me directed, I will sell to the highest bidder, at Pickens Court House, during the legal hours of sale, on 1st Monday in March next, 1878.

All of Alonzo M. Folger's interest, being two-thirds interest in all of that Plantation or Tract of Land, containing Eighty Acres, more or less, lying in the State of S. C. and County of Pickens, on Town Creek, adjoining lands of C. L. Hollingsworth, William Freeman and others, on which is in good running order, a Circular Saw Mill, Grist Mill and Cotton Gin. Lovied on as the property of the said Alonzo M. Folger, at the suits of S. D. Keith, J. A. Griffin, et al. Administrators, against A. R. M. Folger, Alonzo M. Folger, et al. TERMS CASH—Purchaser to pay extra for titles. JOAB MAULDIN, s.r.c. Feb 7, 1878. 22 4

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TRY ME,

Respectfully, W. T. McFALL.

Jan 10, 1878. 18