The Sumter Watchman has by fur the largest circulation (especially in the surrounding country) of any paper published in Sumter, and was established in 1850.

THE STATE TAX.

The Legislature, in its recent action levying a tax for State purposes, of nine mills, exhibited a recklessness in handling the vital and sensitive matter of taxation, which surpasses all previous acts of wrong and oppression done by South Carolina Radicalism. The vote upon this paramount question showed how totally ignorant the members were even as to the wants of the exchequer to meet the extravagances of the party. It was a random voting, with an apparent disposition on the part of some who probably knew a little more of what was being done, to reach the highest possible figure that could be pushed through. There seemed to be no sort of calculation as to how much money would be needed to run the Radical State machine, but simply to create as great a margin as possible in which to "operate."

We have had promises of retrenchment, and the organ of the party at Charleston has urged it, and Gov. Scorr, even, in his message, advised it; and we stood we might see taken in that Siresties .-But this recent action looks as though more, has been seir 's the opportuand industrious people of the State. five mills ; and now, when another elec- " body." tion has been secured, the first enor mous tax is everleaped by two mills, and we have a levy of nine mills, or ninety cents upon every hundred dollars valuation of property-the valuation being arbitrarily put, and, in some instances, at more than two hunper cent. dred above the actual value. whilst almost in every instance it is exceeded. The same act authorizes three mills for county purposes-maki p militin were taken from them, and it dollars worth of property.

the State is poorer than it has been entered, before another crop is made.

er, the large, intelligent class of whites. pation in the affairs of State.

We proclaim this tax an oppressiona monstrous oppression, and in the face wounded. of all justice and horesty, we protest and prosperity of the State.

A BROTHER OF GEN. M. C. BUTLER Thursday night.

From the Augusta Constitutionlist, much of human life, of bitterness and seen. woc might be spared, could men learn to bridle the tongue and put a check upon angry passion!

about twelve miles from Hamburg, on Stevens' Creck, Capt. George Butler, brother of Gen M. C. Butler, was shot and instantly killed by a young man named Winslow Hamilton. From the Hamilton the father of the young man who fired the fatal shot, was on the eve penned his cattle ready to be driven. A immediate death."

WORKING CHRISTIAN. where the office of publication has been any longer. And so on, and so on. And Church, who has been a led to off permanently established, and suple ar- yet the printer must pay in cush for cists. Then came nome of that assect rangements made for conducting it in every sheet of paper he sends out, and Sanday School music, which is so full its present style. We have watched the at the end of every week, for the labor of inspiration for the christian heart, course of this paper with much interest. Its accomplished aditor and proprietor, pennes daily incarred. No wonder the Brown. And how came the New Heart Standard Reserves a well be interested by incarred has suspended; From Accession, obj. Miss. Panners. done and liberal patronage from the but the winder is that so the church in the interests of which its has afterive. The only remedy so and the labored through its columns, principle, and see bhalf ato in school of which he has succeeded aftere to the law and grain a grain or garden

in establishing so influential ac urgat And besides being to valuable a church WEDNESDAY. JAN'RY 11. paper, as a christian family journal, it of the profession) know that they can is worthy a place by any fire-side in the edit spaper-"easiest thing in the world

TERRIELE CRIME--MURDER OF

fired. Mr. DUBARD was advanced in establishment has to bear philosophically rise to retire. years, and one of the most respectable, more grumbling, abuse, and advice, for And now, Mr. Editor, I did not pro Church, and one of its strongest pillars ed man, a much abused man, and in sufficient palliation. at the time of his death. A man of most cases a mighty poorly paid one. unimpeachable character- quiet and unostentations, but firm, intelligent and kind and generous and just to all.

ready to approve and commend any step "God fearing old man, it is to be pre- at a cost of \$27,000. It is in a single sumed that he was not unprepared for "the quick summons that came to him. a re-instatement in power, for two years " His violent and sudden death will ex-" cite general and genuine sympathy .nity to dang with impunity yet more " The assassin is not yet known; but it heavily from the pockets of the honest " is to be hoped that the officers of the " law and the friends of the deceased In 1869 the levy was seven mills-last " will use every proper means to fix upon year (as though, if possible, to produce " the offender the responsibility of his the impression of some returning sense a atrocious crime. The marks of flat of justice and economy) it was put at " feet were distinctly seen about the

THE UNION TROUBLES.

On Sunday, Jan. 1, Mr. MAT. STE-VENS was dragged from his wagon a ton are said to be in an utter state of few miles from Union Court House. and murdered in cold blood by a band Southern elections, and a notable West of armed negro militia. The attempt to ern Senator, in his desperation, has proarrest some of them was resisted with posed to begin mew the work of arms, and one or more of the militia reconstruction. outlaws were killed. Some of the arms held by the colored

\$1.20 upon every (estimated) hundred appears, as we learn from the Columbia Phanix, that on Sunday, Jan. 1, Capt. This has been done, too, at a time, ALECK WALKER, the colored captain when, from the lips of every one-ex of the militia, applied to the parties who charged with the killing of Mr. MAT. since the war, and when distress, from STEVENS. Fifteen of his militia were the Sheriff and peremptorily demanded The necessity for this terrible tax- the keys of the jail; they were given if there be necessity, even under the up, and they proceeded to the jail and existing state of affairs-can only be took charge of five of the prisonerstound in the most profligate extrava Captain A. WALKER, CHARNER HERNgance-the purpose to grow rich from DON, JOE VAN LEW, ANDY THOMPSON the people's pockets, and to make poor- and Sylvanus WRIGHT The next morning, the bodies of WALKER and who are also excluded from all partici- HERNDON were discovered in the road; and it was afterwards found out that THOMPSON and WRIGHT were badly the large church thoroughly erowded

reginst it, as ruinious to the industries Smith, (the acting deputy,) who was woun ed on Sunday last, died on

A number of the good citizens of Union have visited Columbia, asking around which the good angels delighted we gather the following particulars protection from the State authorities connected with the killing of Capt. from this shocking state of affairs. The GEORGE D. BUTLER, by a young man Governor, we learn, has been absent, named-Winslow Hamilton. How and what will be done remains to be vine clad arch, encireling the pul-

"()n Sunday evening. January 1, tronage and failure of patrons to pay- of spotless white, its bows laden with most authentic accounts we have heard with impunity, to the last, and-if he ing wreaths that hung upon the walls of the sad affair, it seems that Mr. J. T. is never paid-why, it done make much and encircled the columns. All this of removing to Columbia County, in this out the twenty four, or contribute more Chair and the young ladies who wor. State, and in preparation therefor had to the general prosperity. Some men ked so zealously in that department, out paving, and then ask you to stop due. think of paving and never intend to This excellent paper, enlarged, in- the paper awbile, until they think some dent. . Morray at at a true proved, in convenient eight page form, little amount is due, and then they'll The ex relats were begun with prayer

for a man with any brains, sire nothing throng again break the silence with to do but write a certain amount daily; their rapturous anthem. The distribu all you have to do is to keep your head tion is completed, (including present The Columbia Phanix of Saturday clear." If some of these gentlemen for the pastor and family, the uperin last brought us the shocking intelli- could be put forcibly in possession of a tendent, a number of teachers from their gence of the murder of Mr. A. F. Du- newspaper and made to edit it for a scholars, and from one to another among BARD, on the public highway, about six month or two, they would have their the individual members of the school) miles above Columbia. It seems that eyes opened most wonderfully wide. and the audience is favored with an ad-your paper to demeastrate the following Mr. Dubard left Columbia, for his They would learn that to sit at a desk dress in behalf of the cause, by Mr. problem. Something fike it occurred Mr. Dubard left Columbia, for his They would learn that to sit at a desk dress in behalf of the cause, by Mr. home about fif cen miles above that quietly and write pretty editorials, THOMAS E. GILBERT, the youthful Ser recently, in actual experience, and city, on Thursday afternoon last. About bears about the same proportion to the cretary of the school, which reflected some it was a "hard sum:" ex miles from the city his body was whole duty of an editor, as a bolt in the much credit upon him. found, pierced through with several single tree of a carriage does to the enslugs. He was robbed of his money tire schicle. They would learn that Elder, of the new ecclesiastical District of this land for \$800 cash, and divide Sumter Fire Engine Co. and watch, but the bundles in his buggy work never ceases in a printing office; of Sumter, delivers some closing rewere left. It is supposed that he was that constant watchfulness and care marks, which enliven the whole scene instantly killed. His coat was burnt alone bring success; that a steady drain and constitute a fitting close. The with powder, proving that the murderer on the brain of the editor is the rule; parting song is sung, which sweetly dies

A. T. STEWART'S PROJECTS

The prest \$3:000.000 marble dwelling, reliable in all things. A man of deep which has for years been building by an earnest piety, and of large hearted Mr. A. T. Stewart, on the corner of charities-a man against whom there Fifth avenue and Thirty fourth street, could not have existed animosity to New York, is at last completed, and upprompt such an awful deed, for he was holsterers are now laying down its carpets. That for the great double The Phonix says: "But as a pious drawing-room was purchased in Brussels, piece, and was worked upon a loom expressly constructed for its manufacture.

> Grant is reported to have said that the reason Summer don't believe in the Bible, is because he didn't write

it. May not this remark have been provoked when Grant learned that the Massachusetts Senator told John Cevode that "there was no measure, nor stan lard of weights and measures, and no yard stick capable of measuring the imbecility of President Grant."

The Radical leaders at Washing. consternation over the result of the

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PESTIVAL AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

given in your editorial columns of the terested in school matters, and manifests recent Sunday School Festival at the a proper interest in seeing that the ecpt, probably, those who live from the had charge of the guns belonging to Methodist Church may do-(as far as teachers get their full pay. He kindly public treasury—we hear the cry of the militia, but his demand was refused, you are concerned) But you will per- advised not to agree with any such stringency in monetary affairs-when and he was subsequently arrested- mit an outsider, I hope, to do that which swindling game, as he would not himtaste for you to do-speak a little more want, is staring thousands in the face, also arrested. On Wednesday evening, at length in regard to the merits of that during the year upon which we have a party of unknown horsemen went to particular occasion, with the hope, meanwhile entertained, that the general interests of this noble cause in the country, may be accelerated thereby.

I will say, then, that I was gratifiednay, delighted, by the occasion referred to. In truth, I had, previously, but an inadequate conception, of the attention which is being given to, and the interest which is generally felt in, the Sab bath School in our community. I found with the good people of Sumter, irre-We are further informed that Mr. spective of denomination, and many, even, white and colored, in the galleries. And as I looked upon the beautiful scene, I thought it one upon which the blessed Saviour himself smiled, and

The decorations were chaste and beautiful design and execution. The pit, like a bow of promise, and set off with lights, like stars in a crown. The The Bennettsville Journal has rich and symmetrical ever green holly been discontinued, from want of pa- springing up as it were from a basis we apprehend chiefly in consequence of beautiful gifts for the children, and the latter. Newspaper bills are the most fronting the scene, to adorn the picture. difficult of all bills to collect. With And this supported on its right and many the idea seems to prevail that left by the brillant "whatnot," redulent the editor and printer can be put off, with New Year presents. The charmdifference. And yet no man, or set of was appropriate and lovely; and when men, white or black, work as many hours | you said that credit was due Mr. J. D. will take your paper three years, with you expressed but faintly what was their

steer or calf to which Capt. Butler laid it, and woit for what is due-some never I have learned, too, that great credit was due to other ladies connected with ton to liberate, and, as we are informed, pay, if their actions are an indication. this School, for their unremitting zeal visited the house of the latter to secure. Some grumble when the bill for two or in gathering and arranging the large While there as angry discussion sprung three years subscription is presented, number of presents that were provided. up between them, which eventuated in say they didn't shink they owed so and distributed. And I am sure that young Hamilton gathering his gun and much, and one half the time didn't get their hearts were gladdened when they firing upon Capt. Butler, the charge the paper. Some, after taking the paper witnessed the beaming countenances of taking effect in his breast and causing two or three years, will deliberately the hoppy children, as they eat in liveleave the country, and never us much by expectation, or advanced, with bound as say to the poor swindled printer, I ling for to receive their toxens of sace wish I was able to pay you. Some take tion from the hands of the Superinten-

And then some pausually successful Allout nine men out of ten joutside remarks, impromptu, from the new pastor of the church, Rev. H. A. C. WALKER. And now the youthful

stood very close when the fatal shot was and that in addition, the head of the upon the car, as the large assemblage Ladies' Monumental Association

highly esteemed and useful citizens of less pay, than any other professional pose to trench upon your space, and if I Richland County. For many years a man would dream of. In short, they have done so, I hope the sacred cause leading member of the Methodist would find that an editor is a hard work in which I have written, will be my

WHY THE TEACHERS ARE NOT PAID.

MR. EDITOR :-- We desire to ask why we cant get our pay? I dont like o give my ideas on this subject; but, as am forced to do so, I will with plea-The reason why we cant get our pay

s, because there are certain men loboying around the office of the State aperintendent of Education, who no doubt tickle his ear with propositions to speculate on the teachers' claims .--If this is not so, the signs are suspicious, and I candidly believe it is true. I have occular demonstration of it, in letters I have seen, from those connect ed with the office named (State Superintendent of Education) and also from others who are lobbying around his office, for the purpose of speculating on teachers' claims.

I may be asked for proof of this statement. To all who demand this, I reply as far as the letters are concerned :

1st. Lust spring I saw a letter, written to a gentleman of this town, by one of the clerks of the Superintendent of Education, which informed him that he could get the teachers' claims cashed by a discount of five per cent. on the dollar. MR. EDITOR :- Occupying the posi- The gentleman who received the letter ion you do, the brief and modest notice is an exception-one who is deeply in-

the same gentleman, in this town, another letter, written by some of the parties in the same office, at Columbia, informing bim that he could get the teachers' claim cashed by a discount of five per cent. on the dollar. And the good gentleman, like a good shepherd to his sheep, and like a father to his children, would not allow them to be swindled out of one cent, if he could belo it. He loaned them money withont interest, and advised them again not to agree with the swindling offer that came from Columbia.

Now, my readers, you may call this nonsense. But we are informed that there three kinds of nonsense, to wit: hard nonsense, soft nonsense and fool ish nessense, but keeping teachers out of their tuition, by not sending their checks, I call swindling nonseuse.

Now, I will give you the third letter this town from Columbia, to swindle eachers out of their money. This was ent direct to another teacher and my elf: but we can't see it. They saw it ras no use to write to the gentleman o whom the two first letters were ad dressed; and now they try the teachers direct, for several letters of a similar character to that I herewith publish. rere received by other teachers.

Being unacquainted with the gentleman who writes me this letter, I trust he will pardon me for publishing it, and take it as hard nonsense, for soft, foolish and swindling consense will have no easy job to outdo hard nonsense.

My candid opinion of the reason why he tenchers cant get their pay is, because some of these men, who are occupying the best office in the educational department of the State are not in the proper discharge of their duty, but fling swindling stone, and then hide their hands, or, in other words, furnish a list of teachers names, to whom proposi tions to shave their claims may be made. Then, when the job is finished, in steps Mr. I ling-stone for his share of the profits of the business.

When I wish to sell my claim, I will let the awindigrs of the South Carolina Benk and Trust Company know it: Bet wait until you are called on, won't rou? We will certainly call on you when swindlers become the topic of the day

MATHEMATICAL / [C. fl. Moise & Co.,

A. owns and B. tof a piece of land Rev. W. H. FLEMING, Presiding for which they paid \$800 .. They sent ? the remainder of the land equally between them. What amount of the cash received does each get? work & trest

SUMTER, S. C. Dec., 23, 1870. The Ledies' Monumental Association of Sum r District, met this day pursuant to the call of the President, Mrs. J. II. Mosas, President, pre siding. On motion it was

Resolved, That the morigage given to secure Association, loaned, be foreclosed forthwith au-less the proposition to pay One Thomseed Dol-lars thereon be carried out by the 1st January, prox. And in that event the Finance Committee be instructed to take a new Bond for the balance due, at the same rate of interest, with a morts

Revolved, That the Finance Committee be continued for one year with the powers heretofore granted. Resolved. That the Committee appointed for

receiving estimates, &c., for the Monument, o which Gen. R. H. ANDERSON is Chairman, & requested to submit their report at the next meeting of this Association. Resolved, That the Secretary and the Treasur

Resolved, 1981 the Creaming of report their actings and doings, in their respective offices, at the next meeting of this Association. On motion the meeting then adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

MRS. O. H. MOSES, President.

RICHARD D. LEE, Secretary.

OBITUARY.

DIRD; at his residence on Raften Creek, Sum DIED, at his residence on Ratton Creek, Sum ter County, on the 23rd of December, 1870, JOHN SANDERS. He was born near the place of his death, in August, 1800, and had therefore entered upon his 71st year, since August, 1870.

Mr. Sanders spent all of his long life on his native soil—was born, lived and died in Sumter District, and his remains now rest within its bosom. He loved his native District and State with an ardor which amounted to natrictic days. with an ardor which amounted to patriotic deve watched, though with a quiet, a deep and absorbing interest. He belonged to a family marked for self sacrificing patriotism, and devotion to their native Carolina—for good stitzenship, high bearing, industry, perseverance and success in agricultural and other pursuits. And in these characteristics, he was a worthy representative. A family of seven children survive bim, who

herish his memory, as that of a most effectionte father. Not much given to seek pleasurable association beyond the limits of his eyn house-tolu, or at least the circle of his immediate kinired and neighbors, his domestic virtues were by some so well known and prized as by those of his wn family circle. It was acre that his affections entered and here that the kind and genere splay.
After a long life of active industry, he sank

simly and quietly to rest, in hope of that blessed nmortality which lies boyond the grave. A: ERIEND.

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

Company, held January 4th, 1871, the following Preamble and Resolutions were adopted: Whereas, It as pleased: Almighty God to re

move from Earth our late Vice President, 1870, in the early years of manhood; and will, desire to give expression to our deep server in the death of him who for four years has been one of us, filling, with honor to hidself and the Company, the various offices which he held; and now that the silver cord is loosed, and the gold-en bowl broken, and our comrade has left us to dwell in that land efernal, wehre peace and happiness forever reigns, we wish to engraft upon the records of our Company out high appreciation of the untailing interest which he ever entertain. ed for its welfare, and the talents which he deve Resolved 1st. That is the death of View Presi-

lent, Janus P. BRRRNAN, the Sumter Fire Engine Company has been deprived of one of its most efficient officers and members. Resolved 2nd That a blank page in our Minute

Book be inscribed to his memory—that our Half be draped in mourning, and that the members of the Company wear the usual badge of mourning Resolved 3rd. That we tender our warm and

heartfelt sympathy to the widow of our lumented comrade, and trust that He who doeth all things

and Resolutions be forwarded to the wides; of our late comrade, and that they be published in the Sumter Watchman and Sunter News. [EXTRACT PROB THE BISDTES.] A. W. SUDER, Secretary

COMMERCIAL

SUMTER MARKET JANUARY 18 Cotton market has ruled dull past week. 101 sales changed bands at from 784 to 13, at which price it closes with indications of a further doline in Live pool. sits W. Reserve BACON-Sides, 121@15; Shenlders, 11@124

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