

Congressional Proceedings.

WASHINGTON, December 4. SENATE.—The ratification of the fourteenth article of the Constitution by Nebraska was presented. Mr. Drake offered a concurrent resolution to the effect that the President has transcended his constitutional powers in the language of the Message referring to reconstruction. The language used was derogatory to the dignity of Congress, and a usurpation of their rights and privileges. The resolution lies over. A motion to print a number of extra copies of the President's Message excited a warm debate and its consideration was postponed. A Bill amending the Reconstruction Acts so as to require only a majority of the votes cast to call a Convention was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. A Bill pledging the payment of bonds in 1867 was discussed, and after an Executive session the Senate adjourned. HOUSE.—The consideration of the Bill repealing the Cotton tax was resumed. An amendment reducing the tax to 1 cent per pound was lost. An amendment providing that the Court of Claims shall have no jurisdiction over claims for cotton tax either collected or to be collected, and the Bill, as it came from the Committee, was passed without amendment; yeas 20. The Bill simply abolishes the tax, commencing with next year's crop.

WASHINGTON, December 5. SENATE.—A resolution to print the usual number of copies of the President's message was adopted. Grant was called on for the number of white and colored persons who registered and who voted, and the number of whites disfranchised. The bill abolishing "white" in the District ordinances was resumed. During the discussion Morton, of Indiana, said that the feeling against the rebellion and its aiders and abettors was as strong as ever, and, ten years hence, would be stronger. The bill was passed—30 yeas. This is Sumner's bill of last session, and abolishes every distinction. Adjourned. HOUSE.—The Committee of Ways and Means were instructed to inquire into the expediency of exempting from tax the products of hand-looms.

WASHINGTON, December 6. SENATE.—In the Senate, the resolutions of the Louisiana Convention asking a repeal of the cotton tax were presented. The concurrent resolution that the President's message, in its allusion to reconstruction, was derogatory to the dignity of Congress, was referred to the Judiciary Committee. Tremble, Brown and Young, of the Kentucky delegation, remain excluded.

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three qualifications, namely: service of at least one year in the Army of the United States; second, ability to read and understand the nature of an oath, and third, the possession in his own or his wife's right of a freehold property amounting to \$250. This was offered as an amendment to the Bill of Mr. Wilson, which made a majority of the voters instead of the persons registered necessary to carry the election in favor of calling Conventions. Mr. Davis said that this was a white man's Government, and always would be, and that the freemen in this country would never consent to have a President forced upon them by negro electoral votes. He wanted this issue to come quickly, and invited Mr. Wilson to press on with his Bills. Mr. Stewart said that negro suffrage would not be the issue next fall, and proceeded to defend the Reconstruction Acts. Mr. Doolittle's amendment was referred to the Judiciary Committee. The Senate took up for consideration Mr. Drake's concurrent resolutions censuring the President for the language employed in his Message. Mr. Drake made an elaborate speech, and in the course of his remarks assailed the President bitterly. Alluding to the negro voters, he said they were now as much superior to the white trash around them, as the white trash was superior to the negro, when he was in a state of slavery. HOUSE.—The Speaker announced the members of the Reconstruction Committee as reconstituted yesterday. Only two are Democrats. The Sergeant-at-Arms asked an investigation of the report charging him with having furnished the members of the House with wine and cigars at the public expense. The Confiscation Bill of Thaddeus Stevens, which was offered at the last session, came up for discussion, and the consideration of the matter was postponed until next January. Concurrent resolutions, proposing to adjourn on the 20th inst., until the 6th day of January, were adopted.

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he loses, he is very willing to contend that his wards should suffer from his unfaithfulness. As for the Constitution, it is not in days of great emergency, that we can deliberate with even minds about it at all. The Constitution is the arbitrator between contending elements; and that which the wisdom of great minds, drawing lessons of experience from the whole history of the past, has framed as the safeguard of our liberties, is better as it is, than any substitute which can be devised by an unsettled and reckless generation. In days of peace and prosperity, the whole social system moves smoothly enough, without much reference to written authorities of law; but it is in times of crisis, that all the strength of constitutional bulwarks must interpose between the mad will of majorities and the ruin of the State. In the midst of a storm, it is no time to take the old rudder from the ship, in order to put on a new one; for if we do the ship itself is gone. We could argue these questions at length, but want of space and time forbids. We are always ready, however, to give to PAYSAN, or any others, a full opportunity to vindicate their ideas, though they differ from our own. Truth is mighty, and will prevail; and a few years will serve to expose the fallacies of the present.

To the Public. As the close of the year approaches, we are making arrangements to open new Mail Books on the first day of January next. As the ORANGEBURG NEWS is conducted on a strict cash basis, we will be unable to enter our lists any other than CASH and COMPLEMENTARY subscribers. Those of our patrons who have paid for one year from the first issue of the paper, will take notice, that their subscriptions do not expire until the 23d day of February next. Those who have not yet paid up, are respectfully solicited to do so ere the beginning of the New Year. After that date, any one receiving the paper, who has not paid the subscription, will consider himself on the Complimentary List.

The Convention Election. No official returns of the election recently held throughout the State under the Military Reconstruction Act, have yet been published. It is generally conceded however, that the Radicals have polled the requisite number of votes "for Convention," and the delegates (white, black and colored) selected by the Union Leagues, will have the opportunity of representing their sable constituents.

We presume the Convention will meet during the latter part of the month, and the Magi who will therein legislate, will probably win for themselves a reputation as law-givers, more illustrious and more durable than that of Solon.

To All Interested. From the supplementary portion of General Cauby's Tax Order, the body of which we last week published, we select the following clauses as of interest to many of our readers:

11. It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Public Buildings in the several Districts to furnish the Jailor or Sheriff thereof with a sufficient number of blankets for the comfort of all prisoners, and also to pay for such medical attention and medicines as may be required by the sick. The Sheriff and Jailors of the several Districts in this State will promptly make requisitions upon the Commissioners for blankets and medicines, and if the same are not furnished by the Commissioners within five days, the Sheriff shall report the failure to these Headquarters, giving the names of the persons who may be the Commissioners in his District.

12. The contingent accounts of Clerks, Sheriffs, Coroners, Magistrates, Constables, and other officers of this State, shall be forwarded to the Comptroller-General, who shall audit the same, and if found conformable to law, he shall draw his warrant upon the Treasurer for the payment thereof.

13. The Act entitled "An Act to provide for the issue of bills receivable in payment of indebtedness to the State, to the amount of five hundred thousand dollars," passed December 21, 1865, and the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the redemption of bills receivable, issued by this State," passed September 20, 1866, are hereby continued in force.

By Command of Brevet Major-General Ed. R. S. CANBY. LOUIS V. CAZIARC. Aide-de-Camp, A. A. Gen'l. Official—O. M. MITCHELL, Aide-de-Camp.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT APPLICATION WILL be made in three months from date, to the respective Corporations below named, for renewal of Certificates of 4 Shares of South Western Railroad Bank Stock, 4 Shares of South Carolina Railroad Stock, which were the property of Miss Elizabeth Rickenbaker, now deceased, and were lost or destroyed during the recent war.

ORANGEBURG, S. C., Sept 28, 1867. DONALD R. BARTON, Administrator. sept 28

Grand Panorama! To Be Seen For Nothing!! A BEAUTIFUL PANORAMA OF DRY GOODS, FANCY GOODS, HARD WARE, CUTLERY, CROCKERY, TIN WARE. GROCERIES of every Kind and Variety, and innumerable other articles of comfort and necessity, to be seen every day of the week at the Store of LAURIE T. IZLAR, BAMBURG, S. C. Will have on hand in a few days, a full assortment of GOOD THINGS FOR CHRISTMAS. All for Sale at the LOWEST CASH PRICES. dec 14

FIRE! FIRE! FIRE! INSURE YOUR LIFE AND PROPERTY. CORNELISON, KRAMER & CO., JEFFERSON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY. Chartered Capital \$250,000. JAMES RIVER INSURANCE COMPANY. Chartered Capital \$1,500,000. Piedmont Real Estate Insurance Company. FOR LIFE ONLY. Chartered Capital \$1,000,000. ALL SOUTHERN COMPANIES. oct 25

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA. Citation. Orangeburg District. By P. A. McMICHAEL, Esq., Ordinary. Whereas, V. D. V. Jamison, Commissioner in Equity, hath made suit to me to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate and Effects of Absalom Strout, deceased, do hereby cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Absalom Strout, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Ordinary, to be held at Orangeburg on the 20th day of January next, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if they have any, why the said administration should not be granted. Given under my hand this 10th day of December, Anno Domini, 1867. P. A. McMICHAEL, O. O. D. dec 14

5 BRIS. WHISKEY OF THE BEST BRANDS. Just received at D. WOLFE'S. dec 16

Sheriff's Sales. By virtue of decretal orders to me directed by P. A. McMichael, Esq., Ordinary, I will sell on the 1st Monday in January next, at the property of J. H. Feltner, the following property, to-wit: One Wagon, levied on as the property of H. H. Hydrick at the suit of Jesse McHaigler, Administrator. One Horse and Lot, containing one hundred and sixty acres, more or less, levied on as the property of J. C. Rees at the suit of Emanuel Ezekiel & Theodore Kolm. One Tract of Land, containing four hundred and sixty-three acres, more or less, one Mile and two Acres. Also, on Tuesday following, will be sold on the plantation of C. R. Trice, a lot of Poddier, a lot of Corn, Peas, Potatoes and Rice, one Buggy two Wagons, levied on as the property of Charles R. Trice, at the suit of Ezekiel & Kolm. One Tract of Land, containing one hundred and forty acres, more or less, adjoining lands of James H. Feltner and others. Levied on as the property of John C. Baltzger's estate, at the suit of the State for taxes. One Tract of Land, containing twelve acres, more or less, levied on as the property of David Jamison, at the suit of the State for taxes. One Tract of Land, containing two hundred acres, more or less, adjoining lands of Antley and others, levied on as the property of Jesse Sandford, Jr.'s estate, at the suit of the State for taxes. One Tract of Land, containing two thousand acres, more or less, levied on as the property of Huffman and children, at the suit of the State for taxes. One Tract of Land, levied on as the property of Mrs. A. M. Inabinet, at the suit of the State for taxes. One Tract of Land, levied on as the property of Absalom Inabinet, at the suit of the State for taxes. One Tract of Land, levied on as the property of Mrs. A. M. Inabinet, at the suit of the State for taxes. One Tract of Land, containing eight hundred acres, more or less, levied on as the property of A. R. Chestholm, at the suit of the State for taxes. 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