CITY AFFAIRS.

MEETINGS THIS DAY.

Pythagorean Lodge, A. F. M., at 7 P. M.
Sumter Rifles, at half-past 7 P. M.
Ladies' Fuel Society, at 12 M.
Irish Rifle Club, at 7 P. M.
Live Oak Social Club, at 7 P. M.
Grand Lodge, A. Y. M., at half-past 7 P. M.

AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.

J. Fraser Mathewes will sell at 11 o'clock, near the Postoffice, real estate.

Wardlaw & Carew will sell at 11 o'clock, near the Postoffice, real estate.

H. H. DeLeon will sell at 11 o'clock, near the Postoffice, real estate.

Lowndes & Grimball will sell at 11 o'clock, near the Postoffice, real estate.

UNION PRAYER MEETINGS.

Glebe street Church, Thursday afternoon, at half-past four o'clock. Services will be conducted by the Rev. W. O. Prentiss.

Circular Church, Thursday night, at half-past seven o'clock. Rev. W. H. Adams is expected to officiate.

THE COLD SNAP.

The absence of the cutting wind, which prevailed on Tuesday, made the weather yesterday much more comfortable, and during the middle of the day the temperature was quite moderate. The effect of the tardiness of the season is manifesting itself, however, in the truck gardens in this vicinity, where the pea crop has been almost entirely destroyed, and the potato plants seriously retarded. This makes the eleventh hard frost that has occurred this winter, and the gardeners are becoming discouraged.

The following is the range of the thermometer yesterday at the drug store of Mr. Joseph Blackman, Broad street: 8 A. M., 26; 10 A. M., 32; 12 M., 40; 2 P. M., 43; 4 P. M., 42; 6 P. M., 40; 8 P. M., 37.

FOR PHILADELPHIA, ON FRIDAY.

The steamship Ashland, Captain Hunter, arrived from Philadelphia yesterday with a full cargo of merchandise for the city trade and the interior. Such was the pressure of freight at Philadelphia that the schooner Edwards was chartered, and left with full cargo in company with the Ashland, being towed as far as the capes, and as the weather has been favorable may be expected to-day.

The Ashland will be dispatched on Friday at one o'clock. The cotton rate has been reduced one-half cent, and through bills lading will be issued to Providence, Fall River, and all the New England cotton centres on liberal terms.

THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Agricultural Society of South Carolina, held on Monday evening last, a motion was made by Colonel W. L. Trenholm to invite the Hon. Horatio Seymour to deliver an address before the society on his return to this city from Florida, and to appoint a committee of seven to wait upon Mr. Seymour to obtain his consent and make arrangements for the address. The motion was unanimously adopted, and the committee was appointed as follows: Colonel W. L. Trenholm, chairman; Dr. A. B. Rose, C. A. Calsolm, S. P. Ravenel, B. F. Evans, J. T. Dill and Dr. H. B. Horlbeck.

It was also decided to hold the fleral fair about the middle of April, at an eligible place in the city.

AMUSEMENTS.

The Wonderful Art Entertainment.

Professor Cromwell's Art Entertainment at Hibernian Hall last night was witnessed as usual by a large audience. The subject of the entertainment was "Italy, the Art Land," and the intelligent audience was highly pleased. We have been frequently called on to notice entertainments of this style, but never one we could more conscientiously commend than those of Professor Cromwell. From among ten thousand stereoscopic pictures the Professor has selected those displaying the leading characteristics of the various classic countries, and presents them with wonderful fidelity. The eye and the mind are not wearied by a similarity of scenes, as is often the case in panoramas and magic-lantern exhibitions, but there is a most happy transformation "from grave to gay, from lively to serene." Should we enter into details (for the Professor is cosmopolitan in his exhibitions) we could not fail to notice particularly his illustrations of English, Roman, Parisian, and Rhenish scenery, which bring renewed delight to those who have looked upon the original, and convey to those who have never been abroad a better idea than they could otherwise obtain of all that is attractive in a foreign tour. Half the proceeds of the entertainment last night were given to the Lee Monument Fund.

Owens.

The seats for the Owens nights are going off rapidly and there is every probability of a jam to-morrow evening. The distinguished comedian will be supported by one of the strongest companies that has occupied our stage in some years, among whom we notice the names of the following Charleston favorites, all of whom are pleasantly remembered: Miss M. E. Gordon, Mr. Theodore Hamilton, Mr. Colin Stuart, and Mr. Walter Benn.

Professor Carswell's Lecture.

The Academy was but slimly attended last evening, on the occasion of the second and last lecture of this distinguished speaker, on the subject of temperance. The stage was occupied by members of the Temperance Division. Professor Carswell's delivery was very graceful and easy, and his subject was overrun with pleasing and laughable anecdotes.

Anniversary of the Attucks Light Infantry.

This military organization celebrated its third anniversary, yesterday, in a very enjoyable manner. Escorted by the Carolina Light Infantry, they paraded through the principal streets, headed by the Phœnix Brass Band, A. B. Mitchell, leader, winding up the march at Magnolia, where target practice became the principal amusement. About six o'clock in the evening they returned to the city through Line Street, down King to Market, to Meeting, thence up Meeting to Military Hall, where the company disbanded. An entertainment at this place last night closed the celebration.

The following successful "shots" in the target practice won the prizes affixed to their names:

Attucks—Captain W. J. Broughton, officers' prize, silver goblet, (presented by the Carolinas;) first company prize, silver cup, W. H. Jenkins; second, silver goblet, Edward Ficken; third, silver butter knife, Peter Marzyck; fourth, silver sauce ladle, — —; fifth, pompoon, Sergeant Henry Hamlin; the prize for the worst shot, a toy watch, was won by W. H. Mott.

Carolinas—Captain H. C. Minott, officers prize, silver goblet, (presented by the Attucks;) first company prize, silver goblet, — Murray; second, silver cup, Wm. Ryan; third, half a dozen silver spoons, Corporal Dummett; fourth, half a dozen silver spoons, James Wright; the prize for the worst shot, a tin cup, was carried off by George Lebate.

THE COURTS.

Supreme Court.

COLUMBIA, March 1, 1873.

Jeremiah Beall vs. James Robb and Charles T. Lowndes. This case was heard and considered with that of Wm. A. Beall against the same defendants, and must follow the decision therein made. The motion is dismissed. Opinion by F. J. Moses, C. J.

Court of Common Pleas.

In the case of Josiah M. Crosswell vs. the South Carolina Railroad Company, the sealed verdict rendered by the jury awarded eighty-three dollars and twenty-five cents, with interest, to the plaintiff.

In the case of Henry Fraser vs. Wm. Jackson, administrator of Nelson Anderson, a verdict of three hundred dollars, with interest, was rendered in the plaintiff's favor.

In the case of George Brown vs. Wm. McKinlay, action to recover damages for a boat which had been destroyed by persons to whom the defendant, as a trial justice, had delivered it, a verdict was rendered in favor of the defendant.

The case of Edmund Bull vs. J. R. Lambson, suit to recover damages for making a turpentine still, was heard to the hour of adjournment, and will be taken up again this morning.

Trial Justices' Courts.

Moses Washington and Cage Gillins, colored, were carried before Trial Justice Howard, yesterday, on a charge of breaking the head of Stephen Jones, colored, with a glass bottle, and otherwise treating him severely. The charge was proved, and the men were bound over for trial at the next term of the Interior Court, for assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Mayor's Court.

Michael O'Neill, for lying drunk in the streets, one dollar; Thomas Sydney, for being drunk and disorderly, fined one dollar; Seabrook Miller, colored, for trespassing on premises and vagrancy, case reserved for investigation; James Bogly, for being drunk, disorderly and resisting the officers, fined two dollars; Dave Corkle, for being disorderly and interfering with the police in the discharge of their duty, fined two dollars; Henry Mitchell, colored, for being drunk, disorderly and resisting the police, case referred to a trial justice; Thomas Mullins, disorderly conduct and interfering with the police in the discharge of their duty, fined two dollars; John Brick, colored, for being drunk and disorderly, one dollar fine or ten days in jail; Alfred J. Martin, for being drunk and unable to take care of himself, fined one dollar; W. Morgan, for lying drunk in the streets, fined one dollar; Thomas Washington, colored, for supposed larceny, case dismissed; Wm. H. Buckner, for lying drunk in the streets and abusing the police, fined one dollar; John B. McLellan, for being drunk and disorderly, one dollar fine or ten days in jail; Peter Holmes, colored, same offence, same penalty; Elizabeth Miller, allowing her chimney to take fire, fined two dollars; Samuel Polite, colored, same offence, case continued.

THE COMING SCHUTZENFEST.

Five clubs of this city have accepted the invitation of the German Rifle Club to join the Schutzen parade. The clubs are as follows: Palmetto Guard Rifle Club, National Zouaves, Washington Rifle Club, Social Mounted Club and Charleston Light Dragoon Sabre Club. The German Rifle Clubs of Savannah, Augusta and Wilmington, North Carolina, have also accepted the invitation. It is expected that more than one thousand men will be in the line of march.

LOCAL LACONICS.

—The running of through trains on the Northeastern Railroad has been resumed.

—The Sumter Social Club give a soiree on the 17th instant at their hall, corner of Society and King streets.

—Edward Wright, colored, was arrested yesterday afternoon for being drunk and disorderly, and also resisting the police at the corner of Anson and Society streets.

—Peter Bowers, an old colored man, was found dead in his room, in Ford's Court, yesterday morning. An inquest was held over the body, and a verdict of death from old age rendered.

—One of the buildings on the west side of King street, below Clifford, that have been projecting upon the sidewalk, was successfully moved back to the established street line yesterday.

—The sale of plants by Milnor & Co., yesterday morning, was largely attended. The flowers brought good prices, the sales averaging three dollars apiece. The stock was brought from New York.

See First Page for other Local Matters.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

A LARGE and varied stock of Sterling Silverware at James Allan's, King street.

AT FURCHGOTT, BENEDICT & Co., Kid Gloves, one button, 70 cents—reduced from $1; two button, 95 cents—reduced from $1 25.

ASK your grocer for Dooley's Yeast Powder, the best Baking Powder for preparing Biscuits, Rolls, Bread, Griddle Cakes, Waffles, &c. Depot, No. 69 New street, N. Y. At retail by all grocers. mch6-thstu3

ALL the popular grades of the Waltham Watch manufactory, at James Allan's.

HOT BED SASH! HOT BED SASH!—Two thousand Hot Bed Sash just completed, and now ready for delivery; price low. Call and examine same at P. P. Toale's, Nos. 20 Hayne, and 33 Pinckey streets, or on Horlbeck's Wharf. dec30

PLATED WARE, in new and exquisite designs. Tea Sets, Ice Pitchers and Castors, at Allan's, No. 307 King street.

AVERT THE DANGER.—The "etherial mildness" with which poets credit the vernal season is more an illusion of the fancy than a meteorological fact. Early spring in temperate climates is a tearful time, and the tears are usually too cool for health or comfort. To avert the complaints to which the fogs and winds of the season are apt to give rise, prudent people who believe in the proverb that "prevention is better than cure" fortify their stomachs and brace up their nerves and muscles with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Those who do this are wise, and are rewarded for their wisdom by escaping the visitations of chills and fever, rheumatism, billiousness, flatulency, constipation, stomach complaint, &c., so common in damp, inhospitable weather. To the less prudent, who neglect this precaution and suffer for it, we would say that the disorders which this potent vegetable tonic prevents it also cures.

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A UNIVERSAL REMEDY.—"Brown's Bronchial Troches" for Coughs, Colds and Bronchial Affections stand first in public favor and confidence; this result has been acquired by a test of many years. DOWIE, MOISE & DAVIS, Agts. nov20-wfm3

A NEW PRINTING HOUSE.

The firm of H. P. Cooke & Co. have removed their printing establishment to No. 52 Broad street. Both Mr. Cooke and Mr. Burke are experienced printers, who stand well with the craft and with the public.

THE CITY COUNCIL.

Official Proceedings of the Last Regular Meeting.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, March 4, 1873.

Council met this day at 5.10 P. M.

Present Hon. John A. Wagener, Mayor; Aldermen O'Neill, Bowen, Smith, Michaels, Gage, Garrett, Kenny, Vight, Sweezan, Glover, Johnston, Moran, Brown, Simonds, Pelzer and Sigwald.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

PETITIONS.

Of residents of Pitt street praying that the drain in said street, for which estimates had been called for, be built.

Estimates ordered to be approved at the proper time.

Of W. H. King, G. M. Martin and other citizens, for plankroad in Elizabeth street to Ann, and through Ann street to Meeting street. Referred to committee on streets.

Of J. M. Eason for remission of penalties on certain property. Granted.

Of R. E. Dereef for reduction of assessment and remission of penalties on certain property in Calhoun street for the year 1870. Referred to committee on retrenchment and relief.

Of A. A. Bradley, praying that offenders against city ordinances be not kept under bars and bolts, and that they be allowed counsel in the Mayor's Court. Referred to city recorder.

Of residents in Morris street to construct larger drain in said street, between King and Coming streets. Referred to committee on tidal drains.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, March 4, 1873.

To the Honorable Mayor and Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to report that under resolution of the honorable Council, I have examined Line street by level survey, in order to determine what fall could be obtained for its drainage, by means of subterranean sewer, into the creek west of President street, or into the tidal drain of Meeting street. The length of Line street, from Meeting to the creek, west of President street, is 416 running feet; from King street it is 2340 running feet.

It will be necessary, in order to determine the size of the drain needed for the relief of Line street and those adjacent, to run some levels through the streets which cross Line street. This is the mode of survey to determine the area of the water-shed, and thereby the number of gallons which the drain must carry off in a given time. Having obtained this information, the diameter of the drain needed, and what should be its inclination to the surface, and how much below the surface it must be placed, will be but a small matter of calculation, which I hope to have the honor of submitting to your honorable body at an early day.

I can safely say, from the survey of levels made, that this drain will relieve all the lots between Spring and Shepherd street s, from King to President street. Very respectfully submitted,

LOUIS J. BARBOT,
City Engineer.

Return of city sheriff for the month of February, 1873, showing thirty four hundred and forty-four 31-100 dollars collected and paid into the treasury. Referred to the committee on accounts.

OFFICE CITY HOSPITAL, MAZYCK STREET, CHARLESTON, S. C., March 1st, 1873.

To the Honorable the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Charleston, S. C.:

GENTLEMEN—I respectfully submit this, my monthly report, of the city Hospital for the month ending February 28, 1873:

MEDICAL.

Number of patients remaining in Hospital under medical and surgical treatment of all classes, including marine department	127
Number admitted during the month	69
Total under treatment	196
Number discharged cured	79
Number died, (4 white and 3 colored)	7
Number of births	1
Number of surgical operations (1 unsuccessful)	3
Number of all classes remaining at this date	110

FINANCE.

I have received during the month one thousand and eighty-three dollars and 50-100		$1,083 50
Balance cash on hand from month January		2 45
Total to be accounted for		1,085 95
Of this amount I have deposited in the city treasury		1,008 50
Expended in hospital		47 10
Leaving cash balance on hand at this date		32 35
The following are the uncollected claims for the month:		
United States marines	$ 337 00	
Charleston county commissioners	223 50	
British consul	14 00	
Private patients	62 00	
Total	$ 636 50	
The total cost of the institution in all of its departments for the month, amounts to		1,713 88

CITY BAKERY.

Number of loaves bread baked	8,964
Distributed as follows:	
Orphan house	3 640
Almshouse	1,625
Main station	54
Detective office	2
Small pox hospital	3 294
City hospital	3,349
Total	8,964

The cost of the same is as follows:

Flour, &c., &c., &c.	$401 85
Baker's salary	55 00
Total	$456 85

This is included in the aggregate cost alluded to above.

The proper bills and vouchers accompany this report, on file in the registrar's office.

Very respectfully, J. S. BULIT, M. D., Surgeon in charge City Hospital.

Received as information.

Communication from Chief of the Fire Department recommending the purchase of three additional alarm bells. Referred to committee on Fire Department.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Annual statement general sinking fund for the year ending December, 31, 1872:

Cash Received—	DR.
Dividends gas stock	$ 2,916 00
Interest on 6 per cent stock	16 516 41
Interest on bond of J. and B. Lucas	118 66
Int. on N. E. R. R. certf. indebt.	234 45
Coupons N. E. R. R. bonds	357 00
From rents	999 16
Balance bond of J. and B. Lucas	76 00
From sales of real estate	360 00
From sales N. and C. R. R. stock	296,166 92
	$318 199 60

Cash Paid—	CR.
For $327 866 29 six per cent stock	$184,712 72
For 1000 S. C. R. R. stock	40,000 00
For expenses in negotiating sale of Nashville and Chattanooga R. R. stock	110 50
For State tax	127 50
For recording mortgage	3 00
Balance	93,245 88
	$318,199 60

Examined and found correct February 6, 1873.

(Signed) FRANCIS J. PELZER, Chairman Committee Ways and Means.
(Signed) JOHN A. WAGENER, Mayor.
(Signed) P. J. COOGAN, City Treasurer.

On petition of L. F. Campbell—Committee would recommend remission of penalties.

(Signed) O. A. BOWEN. W. B. SMITH.

Adopted

On petition of Simon Fass, for remission of penalties—Committee report favorably.

(Signed) O. A. BOWEN. W. B. SMITH.

Adopted.

Alderman Gage reported the following estimates for building drain in Pitt street, between Wentworth and Montague streets: Walter Cade, $1 23 per running foot; F. Lucas, $1 47 per running foot; George W. Egan, $1 74 per running foot; C. C. Trumbo, $3 per running foot.

Mr. Cade being the lowest, the contract was awarded to him.

Alderman Smith presented the following statement of the Orphanhouse fund:

Annual statement of Orphanhouse Fund, year ending 31st December, 1872:

Cash received—		
Dividend on gas stock	$ 375 00	
Interest on Union Bank stock	66 00	
Interest on city six per cent. stock	6,195 00	
Balance interest on Jones & Gaisden's bond	20 25	
Coupons Northeastern Railroad bonds	277 70	
		$ 6,933 95

ASSETS.

Cash paid into city treasury		$ 6,933 95
Bonds—		
7 Northeastern Railroad, each $500		3,185 00
Leitch & Hunter		800 00
Stocks—		
$103 450 city six per cent stock		97,247 96
315 shares Bank of South Carolina		19,900 63
352 shares State Bank		10,185 90
33 shares Union Bank		21,097 00
51 shares U. S. Bank		6 558 00
16½ shares Charleston Bank		1,650 00
250 shares gas stock		6,250 00
44 shares South Carolina Railroad Bank		5,170 00
South Carolina Fire Insurance Company		105 00
7780 shares State six per cent		7,826 62
		$180,035 11

Examined and found correct.

(Signed) W. C. BEE, JOHN A. WAGENER, Mayor, Trustees Charleston Orphan House. P. J. COOGAN, City Treasurer.

March 4, 1873.

Received as information.

The same Alderman presented the following report of the city treasurer:

Cash transactions of the Treasury of the City of Charleston, S. C., for the year ending 31st December, 1872:

DR.—TO RECEIPTS.

Balance cash from last account—currency	$ 19,449 65	
City bills	51,069 75	
		$ 70,519 40
Board of Health		5,354 02
Fire Loan Account		885 00
College of Charleston		2,224 84
City Civil Engineer		22 50
Fines		821 90
Guard		81 37
General Sinking Fund		313,245 07
Gas Lights		40 40
High School		2,389 24
Interest Account		955 62
Interest Fire Loan Bonds		7,210 94
Insurance Account		61 00
Incidental Expenses		10 00
Licenses—Carts, Drays, &c.	$ 14,341 83	
Licenses—Classified	102,149 68	
Licenses—Dog Badges	79 33	
Licenses—Public Exhibitions	1,370 00	
		$ 117,940 84
Lazaretto		266 67
Marshburn, Mrs. Oath		12 00
Markets		3,500 00
Notes payable, discounts	$ 20,000 00	
Notes Payable	30,960 00	
		50,960 00
Orphanhouse Fund		6,933 95
Orphanhouse		44 50
Powder Magazine		882 62
Public School Tax		34,660 31
Rents		1,159 50
Real Estate		1,298 38
Smith, W. H.		25 60
Streets		41 00
Taxes—1867		160 00
1868		481 88
1869		1,915 00
1870		10,806 19
1871		50,082 73
1872		504,973 77
Penalty on Taxes, 1872		1,905 65
Wood Sawyers		36 00
		$1,191,847 91
January, 1873. Balance cash in currency		$ 46,533 66

ADDENDUM.

Accounts due City Treasury 1872, and unpaid January 1st, 1873:

Taxes for 1864, with Sheriff	$ 556 40
Taxes for 1865, with Sheriff	233 25
Taxes for 1866, with Sheriff	3,631 50
Taxes for 1867, with Sheriff	9,452 77
Taxes for 1868, with Sheriff	8,945 96
Taxes for 1869, with Sheriff	18,049 07
Taxes for 1870, with Sheriff	45,898 81
Taxes for 1871, with Sheriff	44,884 88
Taxes for 1872, due 1st January, 1873	80,682 01
Lazaretto and coast quarantine—advance made to the State through R. Lebby, Health Officer	2,000 00
Orphanhouse Funds	6,933 95
	$ 267,202 26

CR.—BY EXPENDITURE.

Almshouse		$ 10,318 73
Board of Health		29,322 28
Classified Licenses, Badges	$ 127 50	
Returned to Academy of Music	500 00	
Returned to Charleston Charitable Association	500 00	
		1,127 50
City Officers		20,436 63
College of Charleston		2,851 25
Certificate Indebtedness		111 15
Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum		4,500 00
City Civil Engineer		19 95
Commissioners Public Lands		7,530 23
Contingencies — Aiken Foundling Hospital	$ 294 50	
City Hall	2,119 92	
Enterprise Railroad	4,776 58	
Lunatic Asylum	31 20	
Plank Roads	13,241 12	
Port Wardens	100 00	
Real Estate, widening streets	9,117 30	
Real Estate, Engine House	2,010 50	
Real Estate, Powder Magazine, on account purchase and repairs	3,014 74	
St. Michael's Clock	40 00	
Stock redeemed, issue of 1857	2,120 00	
Widows' Home Rent	378 19	
		37,239 05
Firemasters		29,091 56
General Sinking Fund		250 649 19
Guard		70,185 55
Gas Lights		2,611 48
High School		2,524 23
Insurance Account		377 00
Interest—Six per cent. Stock		359,024 53
Five per cent. Stock		1,400 00
Fire Loan Bonds		9,076 00
Stock Bonds		8,225 00
Account		1,079 39
Incidental expenses—Cost of case in litigation	$ 5,854 08	
Sundry expenses	385 41	
		6,239 49
Lazaretto		1,933 31
Notes payable, discounts	20,000 00	
Notes payable	30,960 00	
		50,960 00
Orphanhouse		22,707 67
Public Building		3,038 76
Public School Tax		34,504 04
Rents		170 60
Streets		55,530 08
Improvements		28,630 78
Tidal Drains		955 03
Taxes—1871		25 28
1872		27 45
Unpaid Bills of 1871		20,226 95
Wood Sawyer		36 00
Cash on hand—Currency	$ 46,533 66	
City Bills condemned by Council in 1872, and destroyed in January, 1873	51,114 10	
		97,647 76
		$1,191,847 91

ADDENDUM.

Cash due sundry accounts, bills contracted in 1872, and unpaid on 1st January, 1873, stock due and to become due, &c.

Cash due General Sinking Fund	$ 93,215 88	
Cash due College of Charleston Five per cent. Fund	234 84	
Cash due High School Five per cent. Fund	234 84	
		$ 93 715 56
Almshouse, Bills due		1,677 01
Board of Health		1,827 08
Commissioners of Public Land		498 75
City Officers		2,582 84
City Hall		29 00
Incident al Expenses, cost of cases in litigation		500 00
Fire Masters		2,941 62
Gas Lights		2,858 15
Guard		2,746 83
Improvement Account		418 17
Lazaretto		66 66
Port Wardens		25 00
Orphanhouse		1,091 56
Public Printing		299 05
Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum		1,500 00
Streets		471 82
Public School		311 59
Unpaid Bills of 1869, (in suit)		3,800 00
Unpaid Bills of 1871, (uncalled for)		184 91
Balance of purchase money, land for widening Guignard street		458 00
Six per cent stock due and to become due in 1873		506,539 77
Interest Six per cent. Stock		95,690 46
Fire Loan Account		345 00
		$720,563 83

Respectfully submitted. P. J. COOGAN, City Treasurer.

The balance, ninety-seven thousand six hundred and forty-seven 76-100 dollars, ($97,647 76) examined and found correct, as compared with ledger balance.

(Signed) W. B. SMITH, Chairman Committee on Accounts. JOHN A. WAGENER, Mayor.

Received as information and ordered to be printed with the official proceedings.

Also statement of appropriations and expenditures, which was referred to the committee on ways and means, to report at next meeting of Council.

The committee on public institutions, buildings and grounds, to whom was referred the memorial of the vestry and wardens of St. Michael's church, beg to report that they have examined the records, and find that at different times appropriations have been made by council for the repairs of the steeple of St. Michael's Church, they therefore recommend that the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, and not to exceed sixteen hundred dollars, (should so much be required,) be now appropriated for that purpose, and the same placed at the disposal of the chairman of the vestry of the church, as the work progresses.

(Signed) A. S. JOHNSTON, Chairman, O. A. BOWEN, G. A. GLOVER, F. J. PELZER, C. MICHAELS.

Adopted.

The committee on steam engines and machinery reported as follows on petition of Edward Fowler to erect steam engine:

Committee recommend petition be granted subject to removal by order of Council if found unsafe. (Signed) S. B. GARRETT. JOHN KENNY. E. F. SWEEGAN.

Adopted.

The joint committee on railroads and streets recommend that the petition of W. J. Magrath, president of the South Carolina Railroad, be granted, and that it be referred to the committee on streets to indicate the route to be taken. The whole to be under such regulations as Council may direct.

(Signed) ANDREW SIMONDS, Chairman Railroads. C. BIGWALD, ALVA GAGE.

Alderman O'Neill read the following:

As one of the minority of the joint committee of railroads and streets I beg to state my reasons for declining to report favorably on the petition of the South Carolina Railroad asking permission to reach Accommodation wharf. The petition was silent as regards the power to be used, whether steam or horse; as also as to the streets it purpose traversing. Its president, Mr. Magrath, by request, was present at our last meeting, and stated that, if he had the choice, he preferred the steam power, and the route via Mary and America streets, remarking that it was in contemplation to build a road at no distant day to run parallel with the Northeastern Railroad. Having obtained this information relative to the petition, I deemed it premature to report favorably until our citizens were cognizant of the purport of the petition, and signified their approval or disapproval. I should remark that Mr. Magrath declared his perfect willingness to abide by and comply with any obligations or restrictions that Council might require or impose.

After some discussion, the report, as made by the committee, was adopted.

Alderman Glover reported the following ordinances as properly engrossed and ready for ratification:

"An ordinance to appropriate money to meet the liabilities of the city during the present fiscal year;" also, "An ordinance to raise supplies for the year ending 31st December, 1873." Both of which were ratified in due form.

Alderman Gage asked to be allowed to read the following, and asked that the same be spread on the minutes. Granted.

As an Alderman of the City of Charleston, I beg leave to have spread upon the minutes of Council my protest against appropriating six thousand dollars to the Sisters of Mercy.

As an individual I hold myself ready to assist this noble order of women, and I yield to no one in sincere admiration of the very worthy ladies who have the disposal of this donation. But as one of the guardians of the public treasury, I must record my vote against an appropriation sectarian in its character.

First, because this Council is pledged to retrenchment and reform in its expenditures. One-third of the money appropriated to the Sisters would, if added to the appropriation for the City Orphanhouse, which is open to all, maintain all the orphans cared for by them by means of this donation. But this is not the chief objection. By such legislation is established a very dangerous precedent, which, if persisted in, will be fatal to the liberties of the people and destructive to the principles of our government. And, furthermore, I cannot regard it in any other light than illegal, and very unjust to all taxpayers belonging to other religious denominations in the city.

The principles carried out would destroy that bulwark of our Republican government—our much-prized free schools.

For the above, and many other cogent reasons which I could offer, a sense of duty compels me to oppose the appropriation.

On petition of citizens to carry through Shepherd street from Meeting to King street.

Committee on streets and railroads having conferred, would respectfully beg to report favorably, and recommend that city engineer be requested to furnish the proper line of Shepherd street from Rutledge to Meeting street, and city inspector proceed with the work first favorable opportunity.

(Signed) BERNARD O'NEILL, C. BIGWALD, ALVA GAGE.

Adopted.

By Alderman Sweegan:

Resolved That the Mayor be authorized to purchase five of the patent fire extinguishers, and to arrange a detail of police at each post for their management in case of alarms of fire.

Adopted.

Alderman Johnston from the committee on printing reported having received estimates from Messrs. A. S. Willington & Co., H. P. Cooke & Co and Edward Perry for printing the Council reports. Referred back to the committee to have the work done at the lowest estimate.

By Alderman Simonds:

Whereas, his Excellency General U. S. Grant, President of the United States, will, in all likelihood, during his contemplated tour through the Southern States visit the city of Charleston;

And whereas, it is proper that all the honor and respect due this distinguished citizen and Chief Magistrate of the nation should be paid to him by the Mayor and Aldermen of Charleston, representing the citizens generally. Be it

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor extend an invitation to his Excellency General Grant, President of the United States, to visit Charleston during his contemplated Southern tour, and that he be received as the guest of the city, and entertained as such during his sojourn.

Resolved, That five aldermen and twenty-one citizens be nominated and appointed by his Honor the Mayor who shall act as a committee to make all the necessary arrangements for the proper reception and entertainment of the Chief Magistrate of the country.

Unanimously adopted.

Alderman Sweegan presented "A bill to establish the weight of coal, to allow dealers in coal to weigh coal on their own scales and to affix a penalty for not having coal weighed on the public scales, when so desired by the purchaser," and asked this be considered its first reading.

Granted and bill ordered to be printed.

Alderman Pelzer offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the amount of five hundred thousand dollars of city stock belonging to the general sinking fund be and the same is hereby forever retired, and that the Mayor and city treasurer do forthwith cancel the same, and report a registry thereof for record in Council minutes.

By Alderman Simonds:

Resolved, That the city recorder, acting as city attorney, be, and he is hereby directed, forthwith to commence suit against the Enterprise Railroad Company, and against the directors and stockholders of the same, for the cost and damage of the city, in consequence of their interference with our streets and roads.

Alderman Bowen moved that the Mayor be empowered to import, from time to time, seventy-five or one hundred tons of blue flag stones to be used for sidewalks where citizens are willing to pay one-half the cost.

On motion Council adjourned.

W. W. SIMONS, Clerk of Council.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

Exports.

BARACOA—Schr Old Chad—16,000 feet lumber, and sundries.

NEW YORK—Per steamship James Adger—643 bales cot on, 81 tcs clay, 28 bales domestics, 86 pkgs sundries.

BOSTON—Per steamship Mercedita—349 bales upland cotton, 60 casks spirits turpentine, 535 bbls rosin, 23 tons iron, 100 pkgs sundries.

BALTIMORE—Per brig Jennie Morton—52 tcs rice, 109 tons phosphate rock.

SAVANNAH, GA—Per schr LaVolta—2750 bags Pacific guano.

The Charleston Cotton, Rice and Naval Stores Market.

OFFICE CHARLESTON NEWS, WEDNESDAY EVENING, March 5, 1873.

COTTON.—This market exhibited a moderate demand, mostly for stains, tinged and high grades; other kinds dull. Sales near 600 bales, say 1 at 15, 1 at 16¼, 40 at 17, 6 at 17¼, 57 at 17⅝, 52 at 17¾, 10 at 17⅞, 32 at 18, 203 at 18¼, 4 at 18½, 1 at 18¾, 38 at 19¼, 15 at 19½, 22 at 19¾, 6 at 19⅞, 28 at 19¾, 2 at 20, 2 at 20½c ℔ lb. We quote:

LIVERPOOL CLASSIFICATION.

Stains and tinged	17¼@17¾
Inferior, nominal	14½@16¼
Ordinary to good ord.	17 @18¼
Low middling	19⅛@19¼
Middling	19½@—
Strict middling	19¾@—

RICE.—There was an active demand for this grain at firm and full prices. Sales near 400 tcs clean Carolina, say 23 tcs at 6¾, 87 at 6⅞, 43 at 7, 25 at 7 1-16, 38 at 7 5-16, 20 at 7½, 90 at 7 9-16, 28 at 7⅝c ℔ lb. We quote common to fair clean Carolina at 6½@7¼, good 7¼@7½c.

NAVAL STORES.—The arrivals were 16 barrels spirits turpentine and 450 barrels rosin. Sales 200 bbls rosin, strained to extra No 2 at $3 ℔ bbl, and 100 bbls strained the day before at $2 95 ℔ bbl.

FREIGHTS.—To Liverpool, by steam, direct, ⅝d on uplands, ¾d on sea islands; via New York, ⅝d on uplands, 1¼d on sea islands; by sail, 15 32d on uplands, and — on sea islands. To Havre, — on uplands. Coastwise—to New York, by steam, ⅛c on uplands and — on sea islands; $2 ℔ tierce on rice; 60c ℔ bbl on rosin; by sail, —c ℔ lb on cotton; —c ℔ tierce on rice; 50c ℔ bbl on rosin; $11@12 ℔ M on lumber; $12@12 50 ℔ M on timber. To Boston, by steam ⅛c on uplands and $2 50 ℔ tierce on rice; by sail, —c ℔ lb on uplands; rosin 70c; reshewed stuff $12@12 50; timber $13@13 50; phosphate $5@5 50. To Providence, by sail $10@11 ℔ M on boards; —c ℔ lb on cotton; by steam ⅛c via New York. To Philadelphia, by steam ⅛c on uplands; $1 75 ℔ cask on rice; 60c ℔ bbl on rosin; $1 on spirits. Through bills of lading given to Boston, Providence and the New England cities are regularly issued on this route, and dispatch guaranteed. By sail, $8 ℔ M on boards; $12 on timber; — ℔ ton on clay; $3 50 on phosphates. To Baltimore, by steam ⅛c ℔ lb; by sail $8@8 50 ℔ M on boards; — on timber; $3 50 ℔ ton at city; $4@4 50 ℔ ton up river on phosphate rock. Vessels are in demand by our merchants to take lumber freights from Georgetown, S. C., Darien and Satilla River, Ga., and Jacksonville, Fla., to Northern ports, and $10@12 ℔ M are the rates on timber and boards.

DOMESTIC EXCHANGE.—The banks purchase sight checks on New York at par to ¼ per cent. off, and sell at ¼ premium.

EXCHANGE.—Sterling 60 day bills 23¼@23½. GOLD.—14@15.

New York Naval Stores Market.

NEW YORK, March 3.

The Daily Bulletin says: Spirits turpentine is held very strongly, generally at 67½c, with 67 bid, but we do not hear of any important transactions. In strained rosin 1250 bbls sold at $3 75, but otherwise the market was quiet