

The Case of the Laurens Prisoners—The Communication of "Hadden."

We invite special attention to the calm and dispassionate statement and the striking comments of our correspondent upon the subject of the Laurens prisoners, whose case is now before the public.

A Voice from the Country—Words vs. Deeds.

To His Excellency R. K. Scott, Governor of South Carolina.

Sir: I have carefully read your inaugural address and your annual message to the present Legislature, and am free to say, that as far as words or promises go, I have little or no fault to find with either; yet there are some things, that for the credit of your administration, (if you really wish to conduct it as set forth,) which it would be well to ponder upon right in the start.

In the two papers mentioned above, you invoke the confidence of the whole people of the State, Democrats and Radicals, as to your future administration of the Government. Now, right there looms up a serious obstacle to the realization of your expressed wishes for the present.

The facts connected with the case which heads this article, are of such a character as to put every mind upon serious reflection. The question involved is no party question—it is a question of personal liberty. The great principles of Magna Charter—principles which our ancestors made every sacrifice to maintain and establish—are being tampered with in the most reckless manner, and it behooves every citizen, whatever may be his color or condition, or political opinions, to use his influence to arrest the course of action which seems to be determined upon in relation to these prisoners.

You sent men to make them that were as vagabond in character, whether you knew it or not, as were the men whose acts they came to look after. Where did the investigators go to for information? Why, nowhere else, but right to the authors of mischief themselves, and these latter would send for a few negroes that could be hired to swear to anything that was presented to them for less than five dollars each, to be their witnesses in the case, and your agent would go nowhere else for information.

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all the Laurens troubles. And yet, whilst peaceful, law-abiding citizens of Laurens are violently arrested and subjected to a malignant prosecution, the very head and front of all the mischief, escape like a fox from Launceston, to spe the tiger in Columbia. He not only goes Scott-free, but he takes his seat as a legislator, and bounds on the prosecution and the pursuit of innocent parties, and this, Governor, seems to be done with your connivance, if not at your instigation. Is this the fulfillment of your recent promises? How do these deeds compare with your honeyed words of peace in your recent utterances? Let me suggest, Governor, that just for a change, you make a trial, for a short time at least, of being the honest, straight-forward ruler of the whole people of the State, and see if it does produce a change so very agreeable, that you would not exchange it for anything within your reach.

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privilege was denied them. They had the bayonets at their breasts. What then, followed the discharge of these prisoners before the United States Commissioner? Before they left the Court Room, Chief Constable Hubbard had gone to a Trial Justice, made an affidavit upon "information and belief," and had his deputies present, with warrants to arrest four of the parties for murder. These were then again looked up. The next morning, all these but one, were released—two on bail, and one on the ground that he had been arrested by the wrong name; but, before the ink was dry on the bonds of these gentlemen, they were again arrested and locked up, under warrants for murder, issued upon the affidavit of Hubbard. What next? The District Attorney handed out sundry bills of indictment against these parties, and others who had not been arrested, to the Grand Jury of the United States District Court, then in session in Columbia.

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LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1870.

SENATE.

The Senate met at 12 m. The petition of the Charleston Land Company was presented, for a charter of a ferry from Charleston to various points on Waudo River.

A bill to make appropriations for the per diem and mileage of members of the General Assembly was reported by the Committee on Engrassed Bills, and read the third time.

The Committee on Finance reported unfavorably on a resolution to provide for the adjustment of the Fire Loan debt.

The Committee on Contingent Accounts reported on the account of Jas. M. Allen, and recommended that it be paid. Adopted.

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Mr. Hayne gave notice of a bill to repeal the Act establishing the constabulary force.

Mr. Allen introduced a bill to authorize the Governor to appoint a Sheriff for Greenville, to fill the unexpired term of A. B. Vickers, deceased.

A resolution was received from the House, to appoint a committee to investigate the affairs of the Constabulary Department. Referred to Committee on Retrenchments.

A resolution was introduced, to inquire into the expediency of heating the Lunatic Asylum by means of steam.

Mr. Cardozo gave notice of a bill to authorize the State to support the inmates of the Lunatic Asylum, instead of the Counties, as heretofore.

Mr. Greene introduced a bill to amend an Act to abridge and simplify the rules, practice and pleading in the Courts of the State; also, a bill to extend the jurisdiction of Probate Judges; which were ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Wilson introduced a bill to define the law in relation to certain easements, and for other purposes.

Mr. Greene introduced a joint resolution to authorize the Attorney-General to employ assistance in certain suits now pending, and to make an appropriation to pay for the same.

A bill to amend so much of an "Act to revise, simplify and abridge the rules, practice and pleading in the Courts of this State," as pertains to the Third, Fourth and Fifth Circuits of the State, received its second reading, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The report of the Committee on Education on a bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish and maintain a system of free common schools for the State of South Carolina," was discharged till Thursday, at 1 o'clock.

A bill to incorporate the town of Timmonsville was re-committed to the Committee on Incorporations.

Reports (majority and minority) of the Committee on Public Lands on resolution of Hon. Geo. F. McIntyre, concurrent resolution from the House of Representatives, and concurrent resolution of E. S. J. Hayes, relative to the appointment of committees to examine the affairs of the Land Commission, and also of the State Treasurer, with power to send for persons and papers, were presented. Mr. Hayes' resolution was adopted.

A resolution to require the Committee on Charitable Institutions to investigate all matters pertaining to the same and report, was adopted.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary on a bill to improve the Port Royal Improvement Company, was laid on the table, in order to take up the bill—the consideration of which was postponed till the 10th January.

A bill to alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide a mode by which to perpetuate testimony in relation to deeds, wills, choses in action, and other papers and records destroyed or lost during the recent war," was struck from the calendar.

A bill to vest the title of the State to a lot of land in the village of Orangeburg, in the purchaser or purchasers who shall pay for the same, at public sale by order of the Probate Court of Charleston, was ordered for a third reading.

The Senate then adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House met at 12 m.

Mr. Hurley announced to the House the death of Mr. Daniel Kinsler, member from Lexington, and moved that the House now adjourn until to-morrow, at 12 m., in respect to his memory; and that a committee be appointed to draft resolutions.

Mr. Duncan, of Spartanburg, seconded the motion, and delivered the following remarks:

I rise to second the motion of the gentleman from Charleston. It is true, my acquaintance with Mr. Kinsler dates back only a few days—since our coming together here. He sat, sir, immediately in my rear, and I discovered from the first that humility and modesty were his distinguishing characteristics.

From the beginning to the close of his short career here, in all of his conversations with me, which were frequent, the leading idea and chief concern with him, and which seemed to oppress him, was the responsibility of the duties devolving upon him as a Representative, and how he might best and faithfully discharge that trust.

His vacant seat tells us that the State has lost a valuable servant, and forcibly impresses the truth, that in the midst of life we are in death. That he has been so suddenly and mysteriously taken, renders it additionally meet and proper that we pause and think of their sad event. I therefore second the motion to adjourn.

The House then adjourned.

Seltzer Water on draft, at Pollock's.

Local Items.

CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK OF COLUMBIA.

We invite attention to the advertisement on this subject, to be found in another column. We cordially commend the enterprise, as tending to advance the public interests, by increasing our banking facilities and adding to our home capital.

Post Office Hours.—Northern mail opens 4.30 P. M.; closes 11 A. M. Charleston and Greenville, open 4.30 P. M.; close 5.30 A. M.

Western, opens 12.30 P. M.; closes 2.45 P. M. Charleston, evening, opens 8 A. M.; closes 6 P. M.

Office open Sundays from half-past 4 o'clock to half-past 5.

On Sunday, a dinner was furnished to the Laurens prisoners by their friends—through Messrs. Paysinger & Franklin—by consent of Sheriff Frazee. What was the surprise of this officer, on going to the jail, to find it occupied by a number of the State Constabulary—a cock-and-bull story having been trumpeted up that the prisoners were to be spirited away. The Sheriff protested, and after a short parley, the constabulary retired. The appetites of the Laurens party were not impaired, however, by the display of force, and empty dishes only were left.

DEATH OF A LEGISLATOR.—The body of Daniel Kinsler, Esq., a Democratic member of the Legislature, from Lexington County, was found, on Sunday, in a by-road, near Horse Pond, about two miles from Congaree Ferry. As he was expected home on Saturday, and did not arrive, search was made for him, and his hat was found; continuing the search, the body was discovered nearly half a mile off. No marks of violence were observed. A jury was summoned and an inquest was to have been held yesterday. Mr. Kinsler was engaged in merchandizing in Columbia for a number of years, but retired to his farm in Lexington about the year 1854, where he has since resided. He was selected a member of the Legislature by the Democrats, at the late election.

PHOENIXIANA.—The price of single copies of the PHOENIX is five cents. If carriers charge more it is simply a swindle. They can be obtained at that price at the office.

A meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association is called for this evening, to elect Directors.

We are indebted to Treasurer Spinner for a copy of his annual report to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Hereafter the South Carolina Railroad will run a train on Sunday nights to and from Columbia, leaving at the same hour as during the week.

Judge Vernon obeyed the summons of the Special Committee, conveyed by their Sergeant-at-Arms, and arrived here yesterday. He goes before them this morning.

Any family in search of a home in the up-country, can obtain full information with reference to a valuable house and lot in the town of Cokesbury, by applying to Messrs. W. D. Love & Co.

Pocket memorandum-books, of all sizes and styles, for big and little folks—useful articles, too—are kept by Messrs. Duffie & Chapman. We have received several specimens from them, for which they will accept our thanks.

Mr. John E. Marley, who has been connected with the South Carolina Railroad, for a long series of years, with entire satisfaction to the public and the Company, has been transferred to Columbia, as General Agent, from Augusta.

W. F. Hague, Esq., the polite and retentive assistant Private Secretary to Gov. Scott, has departed for the Back-eye State, on "matrimonial intent," as it is currently reported. He expects to return about the beginning of the new year.

Messrs. Holmes & Macbeth will dispose of the valuable "Hampton plantation" at auction, on Tuesday next, the 20th instant. The attention of land-buyers is particularly called to this sale, as there are many advantages pertaining to the land.

At the annual meeting of the Palmetto Association, the following members were elected to serve for one year: Captain W. B. Stanley, President; Henry Beard, Esq., Vice-President; Henry E. Scott, Esq., Treasurer; R. S. Morrison, Esq., Corresponding Secretary, and W. F. Parse, Recording Secretary.

Extensive preparations are being made for the settlement of numerous "chicken disputes" during the Christmas holidays. Messrs. Paysinger & Franklin have removed their "pit" to the lot in rear of the Exchange Hotel, where it is anticipated, the "main" difficulty will occur.

Road Messrs. Love & McCreery's advertisement, and then "go for them"—not with a heavy can, but a well filled pocket-book. They will solve the pro-

blem, as to what is necessary or suitable for Christmas presents, for either ladies, gentlemen or children. They will accept our thanks for the articles furnished.

UNITED STATES COURT.—Hon. Geo. S. Bryan presiding. The jurors answered to their names as on previous days.

United States vs. Jonas Brown—voting under age. H. H. D. Byron, Assistant United States Attorney, for Government, and W. H. Wigg for defendant. Jury returned a verdict of guilty.

United States vs. Thos. Johnson—illegal voting. No prosecutor having appeared and defendant being in jail, on motion of W. H. Wigg, for defendant, it is ordered, that defendant be discharged.

United States vs. J. B. Glass. Judgment for executors of H. Davis, surety claimant. F. W. McMaster for claimant. The executors of Henry Davis subrogated to the rights of plaintiff.

The United States Marshal being ruled to show cause why he should not be attached for not making the money in the above stated case, and having satisfied the Court that he was prevented by an order of the Court, it is ordered, on motion of F. W. McMaster, attorney for executor, that the rule be discharged.

The Judge gave notice that the Inquiry Docket would be called to-morrow.

HOTEL ARRIVALS. December 12.—Columbia Hotel.—J. Bremen, A. Price, D. O. Jacobs, Charleston; W. L. Young, Baltimore; J. Townsend, New Orleans; P. G. Chappell, Richmond; W. M. Dwight and wife, Winooski; C. G. Wynne, W. B. Wynne, A. Federlin, E. M. Abbot, New York; K. E. Lyles, W. A. Bradley, Ga.; H. W. Parr, Fairfield; N. H. Bonknight, M. W. Avery, J. H. Huiet, J. K. Vance, Edgefield; H. L. Lance, Providence; J. D. Gillespie, S. C.; W. H. Duncan, Barnwell; R. B. Lyons, Union; W. J. Crosswell, S. C.

Nickerson House.—S. Lewis, George Roddy, A. D. Tapscott, F. A. Babcock, New York; J. Martin, city; B. Randall, J. B. Randall, Florida; S. F. Houston, Augusta; E. Thomas, Johnson's T. O.; Henry P. Farrow, Atlanta; Dan Gordon, Miss Alice Reynolds, Miss Mollie McAllister, Alabama; J. C. Taylor, Boston; S. H. J. Strange, Richmond; F. Boyd, Baltimore; M. J. Marcus, Augusta; E. S. J. Hayes, E. N. Steedman, Lexington; R. M. Steele, city; M. M. Wolfe, Charlotte; S. H. Holland, Virginia; W. E. Earle, Greenville; W. Perry, Pendleton; F. E. Taylor, Charleston; R. J. Donaldson, F. A. Babcock, Cheraw; M. Marco, Lydia; H. L. Law, Miss E. C. Law, Darlington.

LIST OF NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. D. H. Silcox—Farm for Sale. D. Appleton & Co.—A New Novel. W. M. Thomas—\$50 Reward. J. B. Hubbard—For Sale. D. C. Peixotto & Son—Auction. W. B. Stanley—Table Cutlery. E. Hope—Fire Crackers, Raisins, etc. Central National Bank of Columbia. True Brotherhood Lodge No. 84. E. Pollard—Holiday Presents. M. Hearne—Challenge.

CURE FOR COUGH ON GOLD.—As soon as there is the slightest sensation of the chest, with difficulty of breathing or indications of cough, take during the day a few "Brown's Bronchial Troches." Containing demulcent ingredients, they allay Pulmonary Irritation. Have them in readiness upon the first appearance of a cold or cough. Dec 13 '70

"It's mity curis," said Mrs. Partridge to Ike, while reading about the impending war in Europe, "that the Holterbohn creates such an ado in Yurpp, when it's sich a common disease among the cattle in Amer'ly." The old lady, having delivered herself of the above, took a dose of LIPPMAN'S GREAT GERMAN BITTERS to cheer her depressed spirits, and resumed her knitting.

Lippman's Bitters are for sale by all druggists and dealers. Depot in Columbia, S. C., at GRIGER & McCAGGON'S, Druggists. S 18

Funeral Invitation. The friends and acquaintances of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Daniel Pope, of Dr. J. A. P. Scott and of Dr. WILLIAM C. SCOTT, are invited to attend the funeral services of the latter, at Trinity Church, TO-DAY, at 12 o'clock M.

Y. M. C. A.—The regular monthly meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association will be held THIS EVENING, at 7 o'clock, in the Reading Room of the Association. Members are reminded that an election for Directors will be held, and that a full attendance is therefore important. B. FRANK MAULDIN, Recording Sec'y.

Superior Table Cutlery. A FULL and complete assortment of the above goods, from one of the best manufacturers in the United States, received this day, and for sale at STANLEY'S. Dec 13

For Sale. 25 HEAD of good SADDLE and HARNESS HORSES. ALSO, FOUR MULE TEAM, with Wagon and Harness complete. Terms cash. Inquire of Dec 13 JOHN B. HUBBARD.

Central National Bank. SUBSCRIPTION LISTS to stock in the CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK of Columbia will be deposited for a few days with the following parties: Messrs. Copeland & Bond, M. E. Bryan & McCarter, and A. G. Broner, Esq. Those wishing to take stock will do well to call at once, as there is only a limited amount to be taken before organization. Dec 13

True Brotherhood Lodge No. 84, A. F. M. AN Extra Communication of True Brotherhood Lodge No. 84, will be held THIS (Tuesday) EVENING, at 7 o'clock, in Masonic Hall, for the purpose of installing the officers elected for the ensuing Masonic year. Visiting brethren in the city and members of the sister Lodges in good standing, are cordially invited to attend. By order of the W. M. F. A. GREY, Secretary. Dec 13

Challenge. ANY time between now and Christmas, I will run the BAY HORSE RACE, with 175 pounds or more against any horse in Columbia, a half mile Burdle Race, over four hurdles, stiff timber, for \$1,000 a side. Play or pay. MATT HERNE. Dec 14 '70