

The Presidential Actroom. General Grant is threatened with the sad fate of Acton. He is assailed on all sides, front, flank and rear, by the whole pack of his recent followers.

There is trouble in Florida now. It seems that the scalawags and carpet-baggers there are not willing to "accept the situation" with a good Democrat for Lieutenant-Governor.

INCENDIARY FIRES.—About 1 o'clock, on Friday morning last, the gin house, saw mill and shuck house of Dr. R. T. Allison, on Clark's Fork, in this County, were destroyed by fire.

AN EXTREMELY SAD CASE.—From a reliable source we learn the following particulars: Four or five days ago, Mr. James Jackson, of Graniteville, a member of Company F, 7th Regt. S. C. V., who lost his left arm at Deep Bottom, Va., and after the war became a watchman for the Graniteville Manufacturing Company, went out hunting, and stopping for a few minutes, placed his remaining arm upon the muzzle of his gun to rest.

The following persons have received pardons: Jesse J. Harrison, of Marion; Keziah Laungford, of Richland.

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1870. SENATE.

The Senate met at 12 M. The House sent to the Senate a report of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives on accounts of the Winstboro Herald and W. J. Pinekey. Referred to the Committee on Claims.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as correctly and duly engrossed a joint resolution authorizing and directing the State Auditor and County Commissioners to levy certain taxes. Sent to the House.

The Committee on Enrolled Acts reported as duly enrolled an Act to vest the title of the State to a lot of land in the village of Orangeburg, of which Daidrich Klepping died seized, in the purchaser or purchasers who shall pay for the premises under a sale made by a decree of the Probate Court of Charleston County, and to direct the application of the proceeds of sale.

The Judiciary Committee reported on a bill to provide for the protection of persons, property and the public peace, and to tax real estate to pay for the same, and recommended amendments, and the addition of the following section: In all cases where any dwelling house, or the building, or any property, real or personal, shall be destroyed in consequence of any mob or riot, it shall be lawful for the person or persons owning or interested in such property to bring suit against the County in which such property was situated and being, for the recovery of such damages as he or they sustained by reason of the destruction thereof.

The Committee on Finance reported on a House concurrent resolution in regard to the fire loan stock, and recommended that it lie on the table. Adopted. A bill to amend the charter of the Columbia Bridge Company was made the special order for 5th January, 1871, at 1 o'clock.

The Committee on Contingent Expenses reported favorably on sundry accounts of the Clerk for newspapers. Adopted. Also, favorably on sundry contingent accounts against the Senate. Adopted.

Mr. Cardozo introduced a bill to re-organize the Camden Bridge Company.

Mr. Whitmore introduced a bill to alter and amend the charter of the town of Darlington; also, a bill to authorize Circuit Judges to hold Courts in other Circuits than their own; which received their first reading.

A bill to empower the State to maintain beneficiaries in the Lunatic Asylum, instead of the Counties, was ordered to be engrossed.

The petition of Professors and Librarian of the South Carolina College was made the special order for 2 P. M., on 7th January, 1871.

A bill to authorize the County Commissioners of Darlington to borrow \$20,000 was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill to provide for a special tax for school purposes was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A joint resolution to pay Judge Orr additional compensation for holding extra courts, was read and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

A resolution requesting the Governor to give the Senate information on the Land Commission, was adopted.

A bill to re-charter Moore's Ferry, under the name of Dinkins' Ferry, was read and referred.

A bill to incorporate the Hedge's Light Guards, was read and referred.

A joint resolution instructing State Auditor to enforce the collection of taxes, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A joint resolution authorizing the State Auditor to suspend proceedings in certain cases, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A joint resolution to authorize the payment of \$58 to H. Newton, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

A joint resolution authorizing the purchase of certain volumes of State reports, was referred to the Committee on the Legislative Library.

A joint resolution to prevent the imprisonment of children under fourteen years of age, was referred to the Committee on the Penitentiary.

A bill to provide for the redemption of lands sold by order of Gen. Canby, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A resolution to authorize the employment of stenographic assistance in the impeachment of Judge Vernon, was adopted.

The following joint resolutions were duly ratified: Authorizing and directing the State Auditor and County Commissioners to levy certain taxes; authorizing the Attorney-General to employ assistance in certain suits now pending, and making an appropriation to pay the same.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. The House met 12 M.

Mr. Davis offered a concurrent resolution, that the Land Commissioner be required to return a detailed report to the General Assembly of the time it was first opened for the transaction of business, by the 13th day of January, 1871.

The consideration of this resolution was suspended, and the Chair announced from the Senate a joint resolution to authorize the State Auditor and County Commissioners to levy certain taxes, with amendments, by inserting nine instead of eight, before the word "mills." [Thereby increasing the taxes two mills.] Pending the consideration of the amendment, the Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as duly engrossed a joint resolution to authorize the Attorney-General to employ assistance in certain cases now pending, and to appropriate \$5,000 to pay for the same. Read a third time and ordered to be enrolled.

A message was received from the Governor, that he had approved "An Act to extend the time for officers to qualify,"

and a joint resolution to authorize the preparation of an index to Volume 14 of the statutes.

The question was taken upon agreeing to the Senate amendment to the tax resolution, and acceded to after considerable discussion.

Other amendments of the resolution by the Senate were concurred in, and the resolution ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Simons gave notice of a bill to incorporate the Capital Building and Loan Association of Columbia.

Mr. Henderson moved that when this House meets on January 5, 1871, it be at 7 o'clock p. m. Adopted.

The Committee of Ways and Means reported favorably on a bill to provide a salary for the Lieutenant-Governor, which was ordered for a second reading.

Mr. Smart introduced a bill to authorize the School Commissioner of Fairfield to build a school house at Ridgeway. Ordered for a second reading.

Mr. Myers introduced a bill to amend an Act to define the criminal jurisdiction of Trial Justices. Read and referred.

Mr. Jamison introduced a joint resolution to authorize County Treasurers to pay School Teachers' accounts. Read and referred.

The House then adjourned.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL. REGULAR MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, COLUMBIA, S. C., December 20, 1870. Council met at 5 P. M. Present—His Honor the Mayor; Aldermen Cooper, Denny, Goodwyn, Hayne, Minort, Mooney, Smith, Simons, Wallace and Wigg. Absent—Aldermen Taylor and Thompson. The journal of previous meeting was read and confirmed.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. The following applications for liquor license were presented:

TAVERN—Alworden & Stork, R. Barry, James R. Heise, Smith & Koldowey, B. F. Griffin, W. E. Rose, John Crowley & Co., M. Collins, J. Burdell, M. Brannan, S. Sheridan, H. Weir, W. A. Carr & Co., T. M. Pollock, O. Z. Bates, G. Dieckes, Monteith & Fielding, J. C. Seegers, W. C. McGuinnis, J. M. Roach.

QUART—J. & T. R. Agnew, 2; E. Hope, T. J. & H. M. Gibson, Wells & Caldwell, Employees Co-Operative Association, G. A. Visanski.

Referred to Committee on Licenses. Communication from G. G. Newton, with proposal for painting wagon badges. Received as information.

On motion of Alderman Cooper, the Clerk was instructed to advertise for bids for painting wagon badges, and award the same to the lowest bidder.

The following accounts were presented and referred to Committee on Accounts: William Smith, Market Department; P. Surgener, Hospital; J. Alexander, Water Works.

Alderman Wallace presented the accounts of Miss O. R. McGowan and Miss J. C. Wade for teaching school under appropriation known as "Peabody School Fund."

On motion of Alderman Wigg, the accounts were referred to the Committee on City Schools.

REPORTS. Alderman Wigg, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported back reports of City Clerk for October and November as examined and proved correct. Concurred in.

Also, reported back resolution (by Alderman Smith) relative to erection of City Hall, with the information that drawings and an estimate (free of cost to the city) are being prepared for said building, and as soon as the same are completed, will be submitted to the Council. Received as information.

Alderman Hayne, from Committee on Market, reported back report of Clerk of Market, for November, as examined and found correct. Concurred in.

Alderman Mooney, from Committee on Guard House and Police, reported back report of Chief of Police, for November, without approval.

Alderman Wigg moved that a special committee of three be appointed, to whom shall be referred the report of the Chief of Police, to examine into and report the facts in connection therewith. Agreed to.

The Mayor appointed Aldermen Wigg, Minort and Wallace, as the committee.

Alderman Wallace, from Committee on Water Works, reported back petition of H. English and others, for extension of water pipe near Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta Railroad Depot, and recommended that the petition be not granted, as no one could be found who would take the city water if the pipes were extended, whereas a favorable report would have been rendered had a sufficient number of property owners in said vicinity agreed to take the water, to at least partially reimburse the city for the outlay.

On motion, the report was adopted.

Also, reported favorably on extension of water pipe on Richland street, West of Richardson street.

On motion, the report was adopted.

Also, reported back, for action by Council, petition of S. Davis, foreman at Water Works, for increase of pay from \$25 to \$30 per month.

On motion of Alderman Simons, the petition was granted.

Alderman Simons, from Committee on Fire Department, reported verbally that the committee were considering the petitions of fire companies to be supplied with hose, and not being ready to report, would ask for further time.

On motion, further time was granted.

Alderman Denny, from the Committee on Accounts, reported back the following accounts, which, on motion, were ordered to be paid: Cooper & Taylor, Stander & Morgan, W. D. Love & Co., D. Epstein, E. D. Gillmore, Wm. Sloane, J. Dial, J. Thomas, Lunatic Asylum.

The City Clerk presented a report of the number of employees and average current expenses of the department.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

Alderman Wigg introduced the following resolution, which was adopted: Resolved, That the Special Committee on Police Uniforms be discharged, and the duty entrusted to them be committed to the Committee on Guard House and Police.

Charges were presented against Assistant Policeman Daniel Simpson, for striking with his club one John Ross, a prisoner.

The policeman was arraigned before the Mayor and Council for trial, and plead guilty.

On motion, witnesses were examined, and the policeman adjudged guilty.

On motion, it was! Resolved, That Assistant Policeman D. Simpson be fined five dollars and suspended for eight days.

The report of the Special Committee to investigate charge against the Chief of Police, preferred by Wm. Robinson, with evidence adduced for action of Council, which had been laid over, was taken up for consideration. A discussion ensued, pending which Capt. Charles McGuekin, Chief of Police, being present, tendered his resignation.

On motion of Alderman Denny, the resignation was accepted.

Alderman Wigg introduced the following resolution, which was adopted: Resolved, That the Mayor be authorized to designate some member of the police force as Acting Chief until the vacancy is filled by election, and that the Clerk give notice through the city papers that an election will be held at the next regular meeting of the City Council for a Chief of Police. Applicants to hand in their applications to the City Clerk, stating in application the names of two responsible sureties to their official bond; and that no application will be considered without the names of sureties.

On motion of Alderman Minort, Council took a recess until Thursday, December 22, at 4 P. M.

WILLIAM J. ETTER, Clerk of Council.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A SOUTHERNER IN PHILADELPHIA.—About 6 1/2 o'clock P. M. on Sunday, a gentleman was taken suddenly ill in front of the Holy Trinity Church, North-west corner of Sixth and Spruce streets. Falling to the pavement, he was carried to the Pennsylvania Hospital, where he shortly expired. The deceased was about forty-five years of age. On his person were found \$5 in cash, the manuscripts of two sermons and a book containing the names of subscribers to the Macon Female College of the M. E. Church, at Macon, Ga., and a card, stating that the bearer, R. H. Stenfield, was authorized to collect for that institution.—Philadelphia Age.

The safe of the express car on the Mobile and Montgomery Railroad was robbed of \$15,000 in currency, on the night of the 11th, while the train was stopping at Pensacola.

Fourteen firms engaged in the shoe trade of Philadelphia have suspended during the last two weeks, with liabilities amounting to \$755,000.

Sore Throat, Cough, Cold, and similar trouble, if suffered to progress, result in serious pulmonary affections, oftentimes incurable. "Brown's Bronchial Trochies" reach directly the seat of the disease, and give almost instant relief. They have been thoroughly tested, and maintain the good reputation they have justly acquired. As there are imitations be sure to obtain the genuine. D22 1

MARRIED.

At Savannah, Georgia, on the 23d ult., by the Rev. I. S. K. Axson, Col. ALEXANDER C. HASKELL, of Columbia, S. C., and ALICE V., youngest daughter of Mr. A. L. Alexander, of Washington, Georgia.

Citizens' Savings Bank.

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 23, 1870. SUNDAY, the 26th, will be a Holiday, this Bank will be closed. All paper falling due on that day must be anticipated. J. C. B. SMITH, Assistant Cashier.

South Carolina Bank and Trust Co.

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 23, 1870. MONDAY next, being a legal Holiday, this Bank will be closed. Paper falling due on that day must be anticipated. J. C. ROATH, Cashier.

Notice.

SUNDAY being Christmas, our Bank will be closed on MONDAY, 26th inst. All business for that day must be attended to on SATURDAY, 25th. EDWIN J. SCOTT, SON & CO.

Notice.

CAROLINA NATIONAL BANK, COLUMBIA, S. C., December 22, 1870. SUNDAY, the 26th inst., will be observed as a holiday, in lieu of Christmas. Notes and Drafts falling due on that day, at the Carolina National Bank, should be attended to on SATURDAY, the 25th. W. B. GULICK, Cashier.

VOID QUACKS.—A victim of early indiscretion, causing nervous debility, premature decay, &c., having tried in vain every advertised remedy, has a simple means of self-cure, which he will send free to his fellow-sufferers. Address J. H. TUTTLE, 78 Nassau street, New York. Dec 23 6mo

Just Received.

10 BBLs. FINE IRISH POTATOES. 10 BBLs. New York Apples. 10 BBLs. New York Onions. 4 BBLs. Baltimore Pearl Grist. 4 BBLs. Baltimore Corn Flour. 2 BBLs. Jersey Herrings.

For sale low by, MONTEITH & FIELDING, Dec 23 Auctioneers and Com. Merchants.

RAFFLE!

Something inviting FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

TO BE RAFFLED, on Christmas Eve, 1,000 pounds of delicious FRUIT CAKE. 1,000 pounds of rich PLAIN CAKES, of various sizes. These Cakes are made of choice material and beautifully ornamented.

A great variety of FANCY BOXES, full of FRENCH CONFECTIONERY, with numerous other articles—all suitable for Christmas Presents. The Raffle will commence at 7 o'clock, at HEISE'S Confectionery Store.

Local Items.

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.

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

Book and job printing of every kind attended to promptly at the PHENIX office. Every variety of material on hand.

Lorick & Lowrance have 200 dozen fresh eggs just received—the one thing needful for egg-nog.

Senator Robertson will accept our thanks for copies of the Congressional Globe, with which we are regularly furnished.

The police of Altoona supply bar rooms with official lists of persons to whom liquor may not be safely sold. Such a list in this city would be rather formidable.

Raffles for cakes and fancy articles of various kinds, will be held at Captain Heise's and Mr. Duhme's confectionaries to-morrow evening. A capital chance for a lucky individual to get a cheap present.

We have been requested to state that an extra meeting of the Committee on Steam Engine will be held in Independent Fire Hall, this evening, at 7 o'clock.

Chief of Police McGuekin has resigned his position.

Veils of the old style have been resuscitated from long oblivion, made of black dotted or thread lace, a yard long, a string run through the hem and tied around the hat or bonnet. These are more graceful and more becoming than the little scrap of lace used of late to flatten the nose and otherwise distort pretty faces.

A difficult thing—for a doctor to keep his temper while he is losing his patients.

On the road to Rouen—The Prussians. The way to become round is to eat square meals.

A gold hunting-case double-time-keeper is to be raffled at the Exchange House to-night.

The Legislature took a recess, yesterday, until the 5th of January, at 7 P. M. "Oh, the snow, the beautiful snow!" We had a touch of it last night. Up to the hour of going to press it was still falling.

SUPREME COURT—December 22.—Present—Chief Justice Moses and Associate Justices Willard and Wright.

Dabney, Morgan & Co. vs. the President and Directors of the Bank of the State of South Carolina. This case has engaged the attention of the Court for three days. Mr. Magrath for appellants; Mr. Hayne for appellees—Mr. Campbell on the same side. To-day, on motion of Mr. Corbin, for the Attorney-General, and with the consent of counsel, the further hearing of the case was postponed until the next meeting of the Court.

Elizabeth Pringle and St. Julien Ravenel vs. George S. Holmes and Alex. Macbeth. Decree of Circuit Court affirmed.

Thaddeus K. Sasportas vs. Joseph Sasportas and Martha Sasportas. Decree of Circuit Court affirmed.

At 11 A. M., the Court adjourned until Wednesday, January 4, 1871, 10 A. M.

CHRISTMAS.—It is at hand. The very fire crackles cheerfully in country houses, remembering the Yule log, the merry jests, the noisy games of happy Christmas tide. The holly is at its greenest, and the red berries gleam like fire through the spiny leaves as if they said, "We're ready for you." There is a flutter of hearts, and a flutter of garments among the frequenters of fashionable modistes. There is a general reconnoitering of poultry yards, and a heartless penning up of turkeys and chickens. You hear the chopping of mince-meat, and beating of eggs, from every pantry, and such a stoning of raisins and sifting of sugar as, fortunately for your peace, comes but once a year. You know too well what the maternal smiles of your wife and daughter portend when they blandly ask you, "What would you like, dear, for your Christmas gift?" To be sure you button your coat and hurry off, but Lord help you, it is only a respite. If your wife wants the garnet velvet, and your daughter "that exquisite point lace set," they will have it, *coute qui coute*, and you will be bullied into presenting it as a free Christmas offering. From all these signs we know the approach of the Holy Season. One more added to the link. One more awakening in the gray dawn, to believe with the beautiful faith of childhood, that angels are bending over the hushed earth, and to fancy that you hear their distant voices singing the words of peace and good will to man.

One more looking back to the dead past,

with its ghosts of neglected opportunities and sorrowful memories. One more occasion to succor the poor and strengthen some sinking heart in the great chain of brotherhood which draws its links closest on this day of human rejoicing.

Why do we hail Christmas with such joyful clamor? It did not mark the advent of wealth and power, those regnant kings of earth. It did not fill the argosies of man, nor point his sails to the discovery of new worlds. On the contrary, it under-valued all the possessions which men held dearest, and weighed the world with nothing more precious than the dust in its own balances. It humbled pride, and brought the meekest to the seats of honor at the King's festival. In what, then, lies its charm? Read and ponder the old Christmas tale, though its every word may be as familiar to you as your own name. Try to sound its marvellous depths of love, and compassion, its grand compensation to suffering humanity, its divine hope, which lifts you to the foot-stool of the Great White Throne. A King recognizes in it a royalty as eternal as his own is limited—a beggar holds up his trembling hands without fear and cries, "Thou hast gathered me from the highways for thy solemn feast. O Lord, come quickly." Yes, read it all over and take the lessons into your heart of hearts. The barren fig tree received the sun of Heaven, and the cool dropping rain. Day by day the breeze caressed it, and its broad green leaves grew thick and luxuriant. But still no fruit. From the higher law of its being it was as entirely divorced as the prosperous life which receives at every pore, yet gives not back again for the comfort or happiness of others.

Watch with the wise men the star in the East, and on the poorest spot where its tremulous rays can fall, enter and lay your offering, great or small, as a token of remembrance of Him who died to save the beggar as the prince. The Christmas is best kept by acts of charity. Misery may look at you through sinful eyes, but that is no reason you should turn from it—no reason that the helpful hand should be withdrawn, and the hunger in your soul for a higher life be stilled by worldly wisdom. Each Christmas in which you have remembered the poor is a golden mile-stone in your life. You may be needy, but there are others poorer than you. You may be bowed beneath a great grief, but around you are men and women prone in the dust, and without the hope which anchors your soul. Can you lend them no aid?

We are preaching no sermon on faith and Godliness. We are merely advocating the claims of Christmas to the generosity of those who believe in it. To make a feast for your friends alone is not keeping Christmas. To go to church and pray for all mankind, and that succor may be sent to the poor and miserable, is not to give that succor yourself. One more Christmas is yours in which to reach to the highest law of humanity. One more period in which to grow better or worse, for the immortality which this nativity promises. Will it be the Christmas givers to the poor, or the Christmas givers to the rich, who fare best in the eternal record? Will it be the feast of Dives or the ointment of Mary which holds the highest place in the memory of Him who has given the poor in sacred charge of the children of men? Read and ponder over the Christmas lessons. Plant your harvest while it is yet time with you. The next memorial day may find you within hearing of that fearful judgment: "Inasmuch as ye did it not to the least among ye, ye did it not unto me."

HOTEL ARRIVALS, December 22.—Nicherson House—E. L. Hibbler, Graniteville; S. P. Matthews, Kingstree; L. Goodbut, S. M. Seely, Louisville; W. G. Fay, N. C.; P. W. Perry, Carolina; A. H. Davega, Chester; W. L. Morris, Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Patterson, Kershaw; J. M. Stone, Georgia; W. H. Trescott, Greenville; Rev. W. S. Black, wife and two servants, Charlotte; Rev. S. A. Weber, wife and three children, Bishopville; Rev. W. H. Fleming, wife, two children and servant, Sumter; B. M. Harris, Virginia; Rev. J. H. C. McKinney, city; F. D. Bush, Greenville.

LIST OF NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Notice—E. J. Scott, Son & Co. South Carolina Bank and Trust Co. W. S. Monteith—City Lots for Sale. E. Belo—Public Sale. Monteith & Fielding—Groceries. Carolina National Bank. J. H. Tuttle—Avoid Quacks. Heise's Confectionery—Raffle. Citizens' Savings Bank. W. D. Love & Co.—Dry Goods.

"It's my curis," said Mrs. Partington to Ike, while reading about the impending war in Europe, "that the Holyborn creates such an odd Yarnup, when it's such a common disease among the cattle in Amer-ky."

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 GEORGE & McCABER'S, Druggists. 8 18