## COLUMBIA, S. C.

Tuesday Morning, January 14, 1873

A Nice Little Job.

Our curiosity has led us to look into the report of the Secretary of State. We find it a volume of 185 pages, contaibing a great deal of rule and figure to a large extent, condern matters of the proper spirit by the Governor and the least concervable account. Perhaps the commission appointed under it, will be several pages of poor relutes may be productive of valuable consequences. It useful, but they are incomplete, as eleven of the Counties make no returns at all. The dreariest and most worthless that, with a view of reviving the credit part of the volume is the election returns of the State of South Carolina, restoring subscribed. for the State officers, occupying seventythree pages. We suppose this is a part definitely ascertaining the legitimale inof the Secretary's duty to include these debtedness of the State: returns, but what any mortal can find in them of interest, is beyond our ken. So far as the nestness and completeness of the work go, we make no doubt that it is creditable to the industry and accuracy of the compiler. The Land Commission department,

failures, blunders and swindles. It consists of seven statements, the first of State departments as the said commis-which shows the total number of acres sion shall, from time to time, require. sists of seven statements, the first of purchased and the total cost. This foots up \$577,517. But in a note, which, as Tony Lumpkin says of the postscript of a letter, contains the cream of the corresreport, has paid out of the Land Com-\$224,620.44, as the report says, "totally unaccounted for, and lost to the State." with the management of this business, comprising R. K. Scott, Governor; D. quire. H. Chamberlain, Attorney-General: N. G. Parker, Treasurer; J. L. Neagle, Comptroller-General, and F. L. Cardozo, Secretary of State, (who says that from dissatisfaction with its doings, he resigned from the Board in October, 1869, and would not co-operate with it again until March 1, 1870;) C. P. Leelie, R. C. DeLarge and H. E. Hayne have been They need not try to place the wrong any other of the Commissioners. They were the trustees of this fund, and the Commissioner was only their clerk or withdrew. Why did he not do more? They are all pilloried in this report. It is a monument to their dereliction of daty, to use the mildest possible termmore lasting than brass.

In this report, under "Darlington," price for the land to the parties from whom he bought. Why did he not, as agent, pay all as due? The report says, because he had assurances from several members of the advisory board that they would agree to purchase other lands besides. Upon the strength of this promise, but unauthorized by any official action, he used a part of the money entrusted to him to pay for the two tracts, psyment on these four tracts.

Now, Mr. Whittemore has been one of the loudest in his professions of reform and in his protestations against extravagance. Does he think it a reform to ac- titled. knowledge such a demand as this, or a measure of retrenchment to pay it?

least, to throw the handle handle br. hatchet. The job is too him Dr. Lunney a little bill can hardly pass multer, even with the endorsement of the coverage of the States and of the in-

Important Movement.

Mr. Levy, of Charleston, introduced a joint resolution into the House of Repwork, which costs double the price of resentatives yesterday, which, if adopted validity of the State debt, and provides

SEC. 1. That the Governor be empowered to appoint a commission of three (3) persons of character, integrity and business experience to investigate the amount and validity of the State debt, who shall enter upon the discharge of their duties at the earliest practicable moment; have power to send for perthe duties of which have been devolved ty to examine into the books, accounts upon the Secretary of State, occupies and vouchers of the State Treasurer, ninety pages. It is a ourious record of Comptroller-General and Financial Agent in New York, and be furnished with such information from the various

SEO. 2. That it shall be the duty of said commission to sit at stated times, to be advertised in the papers of the cities of Charleston, Columbia and New York; and shall cause the number, denominapondence, we have the fact brought out tion, the Act under which it was issued, that H. H. Kimpton, according to his and the name of the person, association, corporation or firm presenting any bond, mission fund, upon drafts, &c., drawn be registered in books to be kept by the coupon or certificate of indebtedness, to on him by the State Treasurer, said commission for that purpose; and \$712,079.19, and the further fact that the State Treasurer, according to his reports, has paid on the same account special purpose: Provided, That no charge shall be made to the holders or of \$802,187.44. Here is a difference of parties presenting such bond, coupon or \$224,620.44, as the report save, "totally certificate of stock for such registry; and it shall be the duty of said commission to report the progress of their investiga-We had an Advisory Board, charged tions as occasion may demand and the Governor or General Assembly shall re-

SEC. 3. That for the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses of said commission, the Governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrants on the State Treasurer, the amounts of which warrants shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any moneys in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

We think this a good bill. Similar action was taken a year ago by the State of Georgia with excellent effect. Her the Land Commissioners. How are the financial status was clearly ascertained, Advisory Board pleased with this record? and the State has moved on with much more satisfaction ever since. Ordinarily leaking through the scuttle door upon exclusively upon the virtuous Leslie, or such a course would be a work of super- valuable stock on the fifth floor. A tinbedeviled several years by an infamous smith was sent for, who, upon arriving, was told to solder with lead the apparents by the second several years by an infamous sent leads to solder with lead the apparents below the second government as this one has been, things vered the outer side of the door. The agent. The purse could only open when get into such a muddle that it takes prothey pulled the stringe. They were the digions efforts and a world of pains to men to approve, if not directly to make extricate it. It almost loses its identity. burglars had been about, but an investi-We venture to say that few men, even of gation showed that a similar opening the highest intelligence and closest at-One of them was the law officer of the state and study, can get at the real adjoining roof, leading into the estate, and bound as such to protect its condition of the State debt and its dealer; and further investigation dis intereste and rights, apart from his finances. So much has been hid out of closed the fact that a fuse had been preview, so much bungled, mangled and pared and partly arranged in Kidd's es belogged, that it has become worse for tablishment, to run from Kidd's fifth mud than a Serbonian bog, and for filth scuttle, across to the scuttle of Platt & Boyd, and down into the inflammable devoting their labors especially to the packing material in the fifth story of that task, can do the Heronlean work of establishment. Detectives immediately we find it stated that there are two tracts of clearing it of the one, or cleaning it of the other. Every thing depends, of with a statement by a boy that he saw course upon the man who are to be any kild making him of the saw kild makin County-the Wilds and Buck Swamp course, upon the men who are to be ap-County—the Wilds and Buck Swamp tracts. This land, embracing 1,497% pointed. They should be free from paracres, was bought by the State from Dr. John Lunney for \$11,603.75, and paid for in full. It is added, however, that for in full. It is added, however, that Dr. Lunney only paid a portion of the literature and of high first paracres, and the form of the first paracres, and the form of the first paracres, and the form of the first paracres, and the first paracres of the first paracres, and the first paracres, and the first paracres of the fir it would all be so much the better.

has had an opportunity, which he did not fail to improve, to pay off Senator other ancient cities do the social evil. not fail to improve, to pay off Senator Schurz for his temerity in condemning the President's official course and jointy of the Liberal movement. Some desired possing the following amendment to the ling the Liberal movement. Some desired without the possing the following amendment to the ling the Liberal movement. Some desired without the possing the following amendment to the ling the Liberal movement. Some desired without the property asserted and continuous content of the social evil.

Mr. Spears offered a joint resolution to Judge John T. Green. Referred.

Mr. Batchford introduced a bill to introduced a bill to introduced a possing the following amendment to the property asserted and content of the social evil.

Mr. Referred.

Mr. Referred.

Mr. Referred.

Mr. Referred.

The past with its misfortunes and content of the property asserted and content of the social evil.

Mr. Referred.

The past with its misfortunes and content of the social evil.

The past with its misfortunes and content of the social evil.

The past with its misfortunes and content of the social evil.

The past with its misfortunes and content of the social evil.

The past with its misfortunes and content of the social evil.

The past with its misfortunes and content of the social evil.

The past with its misfortunes and content of the social evil.

The past with its misfortunes and content of the social evil.

The past with its misfortunes and content of the social evil.

The past with its misfortunes and content of the social evil.

The past with its misfortunes and content of the social evil.

The past with its misfortunes and content of the social evil.

The past with its misfortunes and content of the social evil.

The past with its misfortunes and content of the social evil.

The past with its misfortunes and content of the social evil.

The past with its misfortunes and content of the social evil. trusted to him to pay for the two tracts, in paying a part upon certain other tracts. The result is that mortgages remain on them, and on the two really purchased and paid for by the State to the tune of \$11,603.75. To save these dent forgot his favorite doctrine that the such human being, and shall cause an obituary notice of the deceased to be intered such human being, and shall cause an obituary notice of the deceased to be inserted, at his own proper cost and charges, in at least two daily papers published nearest to the scene of said whittemore, who has introduced and is whittemore is an all least two daily papers published nearest to the scene of said homicide, for at least one insertion."

Speaker from taking part in the debates of the House, be suspended. Adopted.

Mr. Simkins introduced a bill to punish any person or persons who shall sell or convey any real or personal estate published nearest to the scene of said homicide, for at least one insertion." urging a joint resolution to provide an vetoed the measure. What a glorious appropriation of \$4,000 for the final triumph over a political antagonist! The American Cresar avenges himself upon his enemies by withholding from Kansas, we learn that the weather has their relatives and connections money to which Congress says they are justly en-

Lyme, Conn., offers an eligible match for any "fasting girl" in the person of Must the State, after having paid for Mr. James Havens, a young gentleman land in full, go on losing in the way who is declared not to have taken "one sought to be enforced, because Dr.

Lunney exceeded his powers, and made a mistake, or something worse? We hope not. It is poor economy, to say the who is declared not to have taken "one swallow either of food or drink" for fifty-seven days. What a favorite that young man would be with boarding house keepers.

A Yankee has invented a patent bird's nest to keep the feathered songsters from spending their winters South.

Washington Birest Ch I had leave to state to the friends of os of re-build ing, that altisough the agency for it is the Senate and 12 M. President of not now my especial work, yet that I am etill engaged in attending to its interests communication from the Secretary of and business whenever I am in town, which will be part of every week. Therefore, I hope still to receive sub-scriptions for the purpose of furthering on to completion the work of this church. Sturges, Marion; H. B. Johnson, The whole of the exterior of the build ing will very soon be completed but Therefore, I hope still to receive subordicary printing. These costly figures, by the Legislature, and carried out in a The whole of the exterior of the build proper spirit by the Governor and the ing will very soon be completed, but commission appointed under it, will be funds are needed for nearly all of the interior work. Many, when I first asked of them aid for this work, promised it, formed under the supervision of them aid for this work, promised it, formed under the supervision of th "after awhile;" some said they would in ohief clerk of the office, Mr. Walter R. crease their original subscription, some Jones. have never paid any part of the sum Mr. Nash presented the accounts of A. subscribed. Friends! Christians! who Palmer, Charleston News, Dally Phosphore and confidence in the securities thereof, and would help the cause of Christ in helping this His church, do not be backward in your contributions to it now in this mittee on Contingent Accounts and Exmost critical juncture. Be willing to penses. make some sacrifice for such an object. 'Once more unto the breach! dear friend, once more!"

This once more let not our appeal be in vain, for "our house that was burned to the ground when all our pleasant

At the request of a friend we insert the following circular:

CHARLESTON, S. C., January, 1873. Mr. — . Dear Sir: Will you be one of 2,000 members of our communion who will contribute the small sum of two dollars to enable the vestry of Christ Church, Charleston, to put their church assistance.

If you are disposed to help us, please remit two dollars to my address; which shall be acknowledged in due time in one of our city papers. Very truly,

J. MERCER GREEN.

PRACTICAL PRISON REFORM. - Teach ing a convict a good and profitable trade, and educating him to habits of industry, are long strides towards a reformation of character. A case in point has been \$500 extra compensation. brought to notice. A colored man was in the penitentiary for a short time, general statutes, relating to the assesswhom Gen. Stolbrand taught the trade ment of homestead; to provide for the manufacturer, of New York, saw him, and being pleased with his workman. expired, at five dollars a day. He is with the same firm yet.

An extraordinary case of attempted arson was na. cated to Fire Marshal McSpedon, of New York city, Tuesday. The clerks of Platt & Boyd, wholesale dealers in window glass, at Nos. 79 and 81 Murray street, discovered, on Monday afternoon, that water from the snow melting on the roof of the building was tinsmith discovered that the leak came through a large auger hole bored through the souttle. It was at first supposed that

given up the apparently hopeless task of preventing, or even measurably prevent. Mr. A SLAP AT SOHURZ.—The Presi den ing murder, have set about regulating it, to lay out and ostablish a new road in

> A WAGON LOAD OF FROZEN BUFFALO HUNTERS-TERRIBLE SUFFERING.-From HUNTERS—TERRIBLE SUFFERING.—From parties just arrived from South-western Kansas, we learn that the weather has been severe beyond endurance, and the been severe beyond endurance, and the suffering among hunters beggars description. A farmer who arrived in Wichita, on Saturday, reports having overtaken a team loaded with buffulo

STATE LEGISLATURE. MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 1873. communication from the Secretary of State, containing a list of the clerks em-ployed in his office as engrossing and enrolling clerks of the General Assembly,

NIX, Republican Printing Company, and others, which were referred to the Com-

Mr. Swails, from Committee on Rail roads, reported on certain railroads. which were ordered for consideration to

morrow Mr. Whittemore, from Committee on to the ground when all our pleasant things were laid waste," but come to its help even now. WM. MARTIN.

Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate Mechanics' and Farmers' Building and Loan Association of Richland, reported back same, with an accompanying substitute, and a recom-mendation that substitute pass—a bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Mechanics' and Farmers Building and Loan Association of Rich-

Mr. Cardozo, from Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as ready for a third reading: Bills to renew the charter edifice in immediate repair? We cannot do it ourselves without help; and we will, therefore, be truly grataful for your of Kuox's Bridge, over Tugaloo River; ciation of Charleston; to incorporate the Congruity Church, Concord Town-ship, Sumter; to incorporate the Irish

Mr. Whittemore introduced bills to amend Section 1, Chapter XCVI, of the of polishing marble. A leading marble establishment and support of a State

Mr. Jamison introduced bills to limit ship, engaged him, as soon as his term the office of public weigher of the town But, looking to the future, the true road of Orangeburg, and for other purposes. to pecuniary independence and a fair Mr. Jones introduced a bill to amend Chapter 120 of the general statutes.

Mr. Cardozo introduced a joint resolution to allow David Cook, of Kershaw, to redeem certain forfeited lands.

the calender, Senate adjourned.
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
The House met at 12 M., Speaker Lee

Notices were given of the introduction

of a large number of bills.

Mr. Tingman introduced a bill to amend an Act to renew the charters of

certain towns and villages. Mr. Levy introduced a joint resolution relative to State finances.

Mr. Hurley introduced a resolution, that after the 5th day of February next, no bills or joint resolutions shall be introduced in the House. Laid over.

Section 61, of Chapter 20, of the general statutes. Referred.

Mr. Humbert introduced a resolution, Mr. Humbert introduced a resolution, discipline of the camp, and to take opinions as subordinates take orders—to be Railroads and Internal Improvements be obeyed, not discussed. The party lash

vestigation and research, of unquestioned integrity and of high financial ability. If they should also be men of address and cultivation, combining happily the store was not there.

88,000 insurance, but there was some the accounts of the Financial Agent of the store was not the store was not there.

Insh this Honse all information whether the accounts of the Financial Agent of the state of South Carolina in the city of New York has been settled, in whole or in part, as soon as possible, if such by State after State, was the direct fruit information is in his possession. Re-

Union County. Referred.

chasers. Referred Mr. Wolfe introduced a joint resolution to authorize the Governor to ap-

vent school trustees from being em-

ployed as teachers in the public schools.

Code of Procedure; to confer the right To Coll 100 To of legitimacy upon Theor Stark House and Powell House; to improports the Darlington Agricultural and Mechanical Fair Company; to change the name of Frog Level to that of Prosperity.

The following bills were read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading. To set exerct a feed of the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

for a third reading: To set apart a fund for the payment of witnesses in State cases and of jurors; to refer to the qualified voters of Barnwell County the location of the County seat of said County, County offices, and the place for holding the Courts of said County.

A joint resolution, authorizing and requiring the State Treasurer to pay and cancel the notes and certificates issued in payment of the different debts contracted for the configuration of the different debts. tracted for the furnishing of the hall of the House of Representatives and committee rooms, was under discussion up to the hour of adjournment.

INDEPENDENCE. - No word in our language has been the theme of more essays among Southern people than this. It is a grand word, and appeals to all the true manhood of a people. Political inde-pendence was the dream of the Southern politician for generations, and the topic of impassioned oratory on the stump. Commercial independence was another great boon to be dreamed of and talked about, and to discuss in conventions for the titilation of the public ear and heart. The idea of dependence of any sort was always galling to the Southern mind, judging by mere expression of sentiment. Yet probably no people, until the out-break of the war, ever talked more and did less in the way of asserting a true independence. The war itself, and the wonderful heroism and endurance displayed by the South in her struggle for political independence, was an eloquent to amend an Act entitled "An Act to proof of Southern enthusiasm on the grant, renew and amend the charters of subject. But until then the South had grant, renew and amend the charters of subject. But until then the South had certain towns and villages therein mentioned;" to amend Section 6, of Chapter LXIII of general statutes; to incorter LXIII of general statutes; to incorter LXIII of general statutes; to incorter sections and nations. Her people Augusta Railroad, on Saturday last, the genuity, remarkable capacity to develop self-sustaining power, and create re-Rifle Club of Charleston; joint resolutions to relieve Jesse E. Dent, former Sheriff of Richland, of a penalty on tax executions; to allow Hon. Wm. Thomas sources from almost nothing. But they hard work, self-denial, the determination to make before you spend, and to spend less than you make. This course steadily pursued will make a people financially independent. It will place them commercially on a footing of equality with other people, and make commerce with them profitable

It is useless for the Southern people to show of prosperity is above indicated. Each State of the South may, by this course, attain as much of true independence as is possible in our political condi-After considering a number of bills on destinies as a State, through its Legislation. Each can then shape its separate ture, so far as is consistent with the rightful authority of the central power at Washington. That central power will be more apt to respect a State, and abstain from encroachments upon its rights, which thus practically asserts the spirit of self-reliance. It is the condition of helplessness and dependence that invites

There is another species of independence it behooves the Southern States to of judging things having a political bearoduced in the House. Laid over.

Mr. Holmes introduced a bill to amend not according to their intrinsic merits, not according to some formula of political themes, or according to the arbitrary Mr. Humbert introduced a resolution, that on and after this day, the House meet at 11 A. M., and adjourn at pleament at 11 A. M., and adjourn at 11 A. M., and adjourn at 11 A. M., and adjourn at 1 been trained in politics according to the Mr. Bowley from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported favorably on whill cortend the reported favorably on the committee of the state of the sta

or in part, as soon as possible, it such information is in his possession. Referred.

Mr. W. H. Wallace introduced a bill would ever have taken place, or at least would ever have taken place. would have taken place when it did and as it did, had the true spirit of inde-

prosperity. They are questions as to how the great subjects of education and the equal civil rights of citizens shall be handled. To these subjects we would invoke, in Georgia, at least, the exercise

Wichita, on Saturday, reports having overtaken a team loaded with buffulo skins, and on the wagon, stiff with cold, sat the driver, permitting the team to wander at will over the prairies, being entirely unable to help himself. Similar accounts reach us from other sources.

A Yankee has invented a patent bird's nest to keep the feathered songsters from spending their winters South.

Bloyed as teachers in the public schools. The Committee on Engrossed Bills of Columbus, Ga., claims to be the first city in the South. From a late number of the South. From a

Orre Marians .- The price of single copies of the Proprix is five cents." The latest styles wedding and visiting cards and envelopes, tastily printed, can

be obtained at the PHOENIX office. Old newspapers for sale at PHONIX office, at fifty cents a hundred.

It was generally rumored upon the streets, yesterday, that a female had committed suicide; but upon inquiry it was found that she was only cead drunk.

The weather, yesterday, was sunny, warm and delightful. The following is the programme to be

furnished by Prof. Buchar, this after-

Coliseum Quick-step-Beyer. Sweet Spirit, Hear My Prayer-Wal-

Palermo Quadrille-Strauss. Salute a La France—Baldieu. Waltz Il Baccio—Arditti. Trapp-Trapp Galop—Faust.

The Governor has appointed as Notaries Public John F. Ficken, Esq., of Charleston, and J. B. Murphy, of Bam-

The Senate, in executive session, confirmed R. M. Severance, Trial Justice, and P. C. Fludd as Jury Commissioner for Darlington County.

Ransom Simmons, who was pardoned, few days ago, on the condition that he would leave the State, declined the same, and on Saturday evening, the Governor, having investigated and reconsidered the case, he was unconditionally pardoned, and received the same on Sunday.

After the post mortem examination of jury rendered the following verdict, by instruction of Dr. H. Sloan, who performed the examination: That the deceased came to her death from inflammation of the membranes of the heart. which caused dropsy of the heart.

The dwelling of Mrs. Bowers was entered last night, and robbed of a number of articles, among them two gold watches.

PHENIXIANA. - A Scissoronian style-That of a large number of our exchanges. A pensive husband is frequently the result of an expensive wife.

An alabaster neck, marble brow and arch expression is said to constitute a well-built woman.

Hard words have never taught wisdom, nor does truth require them. An instance of throwing one's self

about was witnessed a few evenings ago, at a party, in the case of a young lady who, when asked to sing, first tossed her head and then pitched her voice.

MAIL ABRANGEMENTS .- The Northern mail opens 6.30 A. M. and 3.00 P. M.; closes 8 P. M. and 11.00 A. M. Charleston day mail opens 6.15 P. M.; closes 6 cultivate. It is independence of political thought and action. It is the habit 5.15 P. M. Greenville opens 6.45 P. M.; closes C A. M. Western opens 6.30 A. M. and 12.30 P. M.; closes 8 and 1 P. M. Wilmington opens 8.30 P. M.; closes 10.30 A. M. On Sunday the office is open from 3 to 4 P. M.

ALMOST DECAPITATED .- Mr. Joseph Crews, Chairman of the House Committee of Internal Improvements, came removed from neglect of duty. Laid has been as veritable an instrument of Mr. Humbert, member from Darlington, near Irsing his official head yesterday. over. [Jee Crews is Chairman of each authority as the overseer's whip in times moved that he be removed from the chairmanship of this committee, because about to be passed, when the Speaker recollected a rule of the House, which prohibits a change by the House in the constitution of committees after they are appointed, unless in case of vacancy. One member insisted that there was a vacancy, as the handsome Joseph was traveling in other parts; but the Speaker over-ruled him.

LIST OF NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. D. C. Peixotto & Sons-Auction. Johnston & Palmer—Dissolution. Hope & Gyles-Seed Potatoes, W. J. Ligon—Carolina High School. C. F. Jackson—Dry Goods. Jacob Levin—Auction.
W. H. Tutt—Expectorant.
H. W. Purvis—Special Orders No. 4.

UNITED STATES COURT .- CHARLESTON, January 12.—Petitions of A. Blythe, assignee, for reservation of homestead in the cases of B. Charles and Rodolphus Lang. Referred to Registrar

Clawson. In the case of Burrell Sanders, bankrupt, the report of Registrar Carpenter, recommending sale of real estate, was confirmed, and the sale ordered.

A favorable report having been made of untrammeled thought and the freest discussions. This is true intellectual independence.—Augusta Constitutionalist.

Maxwell, bankrupt, the sale was ordered to be made in Charleston on the 6th of

of passing counterfeit money.