

It is earnestly claimed for Major Lewis Merrill that he was active and efficient in ferreting out Ku Klux criminals and bringing them to trial. We will be the last to deny his prominent merits in this particular service.

Whoever heard or read the Ku Klux confessions and testimony, if he have any fairness in him, must admit that the poor creatures were as much sinned against as sinning. Scott and his emissaries had put the country in thorough disorder.

There was a point much more vulnerable, and far more attractive, where they might have dealt an effective blow. There was a set of conspirators against the peace, dignity and prosperity of the State, at that very time, trembling in their shoes, and conscious that they deserved no quarter.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.—The argument upon the petition of James P. Law, creditor, for a decree of involuntary bankruptcy against the Blue Ridge Railroad Company, which was to have been made in the United States Court before Judge Bryan, yesterday, at Charleston, was postponed by consent of counsel, until Wednesday, the 24 proximo.

Mitigating Circumstances.—It was Charles Lamb, we believe, who said that he had spoiled a smoking as some men spoil a fair visit.

We try to please ourselves with the thought that in the present General Assembly, there was less actual corruption, whatever may have been the inclination towards it, and less extravagance than in its predecessor.

VILLAINS, ALL.—John C. Fremont was the first candidate of the so-called "Republican" party for President of the United States. It is eminently fitting that, just as Wilson, Colfax, Patterson, Ames and others of that hypocritical set, who couldn't partake of the sin of even allowing slavery to exist in the South, have been convicted of selling their votes for money, Fremont should have been detected in swindling the people of France.

AN ACT TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE YEAR 1873. SECTION 1. That the following sums be, and they are hereby appropriated for the payment of the various officers and expenses of the State Government, that is to say: FOR SALARIES. For the Governor, three thousand five hundred dollars; for the Lieutenant-Governor, twenty-five hundred dollars; for the Secretary of State, three thousand dollars; for the Private Secretary of the Governor, two thousand dollars; for the Clerk of the Secretary of State, one thousand dollars; for the Adjutant and Inspector General, twenty-five hundred dollars; for the Clerk of the Adjutant and Inspector General, one thousand dollars; for the Comptroller-General, three thousand dollars; for the Clerk to the Comptroller-General, eighteen hundred dollars; for extra clerical services in the office of the Comptroller-General, two thousand dollars; for the State Treasurer, twenty-five hundred dollars; for the Chief Clerk to the State Treasurer, eighteen hundred dollars; for a Bookkeeper for State Treasurer, eighteen hundred dollars; for the State Superintendent of Education, twenty-five hundred dollars; for the Clerk of the State Superintendent of Education, one thousand dollars; for the Health Officers, five thousand one hundred dollars; for the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, four thousand dollars; for the two Associate Justices, seven thousand dollars; for the eight Circuit Judges, twenty-eight thousand dollars; for salary for eighteen months of the Judge of the Inferior Court of Charleston County, four thousand and one hundred dollars; for the eight Circuit Solicitors, eight thousand dollars; for the Attorney-General, three thousand dollars; for the Attorney-General's Clerk, one thousand dollars; for the Clerk of the Supreme Court, who shall perform the duties of librarian of said court, fifteen hundred dollars; for the State Reporter, fifteen hundred dollars; for the Keeper of the State House and State Librarian, one thousand dollars; for the Superintendent of the South Carolina Penitentiary, two thousand dollars; for two watchmen of the State House and grounds, six hundred dollars each; for the County Auditors, thirty-two thousand five hundred dollars; for the Clerk to the Auditor of the County of Charleston, one thousand dollars; for the unpaid salary of the Auditor of Aiken County, three hundred and thirty-nine dollars; for the Governor's Messenger, five hundred dollars; for the County School Commissioners, thirty-two thousand five hundred dollars.

SECTION 2. For the Contingent Fund of the Governor, twenty thousand dollars; for the Contingent Fund of the Treasurer, one thousand dollars; for the Contingent Fund of the Comptroller-General, one thousand dollars; for the Contingent Fund of the Attorney-General, one thousand dollars; for the Contingent Fund of the Adjutant and Inspector-General, one thousand dollars; for the Contingent Fund of the State Superintendent of Education, fifteen hundred dollars; for payment of the Mileage Certificates of members of the State Board of Education, one thousand dollars, if so much be necessary; for the Contingent Fund of the Secretary of State, one thousand dollars; for the Contingent Fund of the State Librarian, five hundred dollars.

SECTION 3. For the purchase of books for the Supreme Court Library, one thousand dollars, if so much be necessary, to be drawn on the order of the Chief Justice; for the contingent expenses of the Supreme Court, under Section 7 of the Act ratified the 18th day of September, 1863, six hundred dollars; for an attendant on the Library and the rooms of the Supreme Court, five hundred dollars, to be paid quarterly, on the warrant of the Chief Justice on the Treasury, the said attendant to be appointed by and removable at the pleasure of said court.

SECTION 4. For the Civil Contingent Fund, twenty thousand dollars, to be drawn on the warrant of the Comptroller-General, countersigned by the Governor; and the officers of the different departments drawing upon the Civil Contingent Fund shall, on or before December 10, at the next session of the General Assembly, make a report of the amount they have so drawn to the General Assembly; for the purchase of books and stationery for the various County Auditors of this State, five thousand dollars; for the support of the Lunatic Asylum, seventy-seven thousand five hundred dollars, ten thousand dollars of which, or such amount as the Treasurer's books will show as yet due on the contract for the same, to be applied to the completing of the unfinished wing of the Asylum, and two thousand five hundred dollars for the payment of the architect, and five thousand dollars for heating and furnishing the new wing of the Asylum, to be paid on the warrant of the Comptroller-General, on the application of the Board of Regents; Provided, That not more than two thirds of the

appropriation of ten thousand dollars drawn until the work is completed, according to the contract; for the support of the State Orphan Asylum, twenty thousand dollars, five thousand dollars of which to be expended for heating, furniture and necessary repairs of the building occupied, the same to be paid in accordance with the law establishing said Asylum; for the State Militia, twenty thousand dollars, five thousand dollars of this amount to be applied to repairs upon the State Armory, at Columbia, under the charge of the Adjutant and Inspector-General, to be drawn on the warrant of the Comptroller-General, on the application of the Adjutant and Inspector-General; for Quarantine expenses, twenty-five hundred dollars; for the Keeper of the Lazaretto, four hundred dollars, to be drawn on the warrant of the Comptroller-General, on application of the Port Physician of Charleston; for Physician to the Charleston Jail, one thousand dollars; for transportation and clothing of discharged convicts, three hundred dollars; for the Catawba Indians, eight hundred dollars; for the permanent printing of this session of the General Assembly, fifty thousand dollars, to be expended in accordance with an Act to provide for the publication of the Acts, Reports, Resolutions and Journals of the General Assembly; for the publication of the laws passed at the present session of the General Assembly, twenty-five thousand dollars, providing no contracts exceeding that amount shall be valid; for the payment of the Commissioners and Managers of Elections, twelve thousand dollars, to be paid on the warrant of the Comptroller-General, countersigned by the Governor; for the payment of the per diem and mileage of the members of the last General Assembly remaining unpaid, ten thousand dollars; for deficiency of appropriation for legislative expenses, fifty thousand dollars; for the payment of the services of the Presidential Electors elected at the last Presidential election, four hundred dollars, if so much be necessary, to be paid in accordance with law; for the payment of claims passed by the General Assembly at its present session, seventy-five thousand dollars, if so much be necessary, to be paid on the certificates of the Clerks of the two Houses.

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES. SECTION 5. For the support and construction of the State Penitentiary, forty thousand dollars, to be paid on the warrant of the Comptroller-General, on the application of the Superintendent.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT. SECTION 6. For the support and maintenance of free schools, the sum of three hundred thousand dollars, from the tax levy of two mills on the dollar, to be raised for educational purposes, in addition to the capitation tax; Provided, That the said sum of three hundred thousand dollars be apportioned among the several Counties of this State in proportion to the number of children between the ages of six and sixteen; Provided, further, That each County shall be entitled to the amount of the poll tax raised in said County; And, further, That it shall be unlawful for the Treasurer to apply any part of the sum raised by the tax levy of said two mills on the dollar to any other purpose than the support and maintenance of said schools; for the support of the University of the State of South Carolina, twenty-seven thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars, to be paid on the warrant of the Comptroller, on the application of the President of the University; for the improvement and repairs of the library of the University of South Carolina, two thousand dollars, to be paid on the warrant of the Comptroller-General, on the application of the Chairman of the Library Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University; for the payment of outstanding warrants of the Governor on the appropriation for the support of the South Carolina Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, for the fiscal year ending October 31, 1871, two thousand six hundred and seventy-nine dollars, to be paid by the State Treasurer upon presentation of said warrants; for the support of the South Carolina Institution for the Education of the Deaf, Dumb and the Blind, fifteen thousand dollars, to be paid on the warrant of the Comptroller-General, on the application of the Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind; for Normal School purposes, twenty-five thousand dollars, to be paid on the warrant of the Comptroller-General, on the application of the Board of Regents of the Normal School, five thousand dollars of which shall be appropriated for repairs of buildings to be used for Normal School purposes; for the payment of one year's interest on the bonds belonging to the Agricultural College and Mechanical Institute, the sum of eleven thousand five hundred and eight dollars, to be paid on the application of the Trustees of the said College and Institute.

That the several sums herein appropriated shall be accounted for to this General Assembly, at its next session, on or before December 1: Provided, No officer of this State who has the right to make contracts or draw funds from these appropriations shall expend, or make a contract expending, more money than has been appropriated for such purpose by the General Assembly by this Act.

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RETURNED TO EDGEFIELD.—Miles Yedell, the colored troop from South Carolina, arrested here by the police on Thursday, in the act of disposing of a portion of some \$400 stolen from Mr. S. R. Tilman, postmaster at Edgefield, S. C., was sent back to the scene of his exploit yesterday morning. Although under bail for the robbery charged, it is not improbable that his bondsmen were anxious to surrender him when they understand the positive character of the testimony secured against him through the prompt and efficient action of our police officers.—Augusta Chronicle.

Local Items.

GRIT MATTERS.—The price of single copies of the Phoenix is five cents. A prisoner assaulted Policeman Williams, Friday night, while the former was being taken to the guard house. The policeman fired two shots at the escaping law-breaker, but failed to hit his mark.

Two men indulged in a game of fist-cuffs on Main street, yesterday, and the blood flowed freely.

Mr. C. H. Pettengill, has recently added to his stock of fine horses. They are really first class animals, and deserve the attention of those who contemplate purchasing.

Messrs. W. D. Love & Co. announce the opening of their spring stock of goods. The "Grand Central" is a favorite resort for the ladies.

The professor elected to take the chair of English Literature in the University of Alabama, wrote: "I except the office with pleasure."

The Herald asks "how about that telegram?" The Union will please answer.

The stockholders of the South Carolina Railroad and South-western Railroad Bank will hold their annual meeting in Charleston, on the 8th and 9th of April. The committee to verify proxies will meet on the 8th. Parties interested will do well to read the advertisements, to be found in this morning's issue.

Accounts due the PHOENIX office must be settled promptly, as further indulgence cannot be given. We must have money to carry on business.

Don't fail to call at the Wheeler & Wilson office for the best make of thread and silks, (as well as machine for using same,) which are now being kept constantly on hand.

Mr. C. F. Jackson, has just received a supply of catalogues from E. Butterick & Co., for the spring of 1873. Mr. Jackson is the agent in this city, and will take pleasure in forwarding orders for patterns.

That German editor needs a little more beat to make his effusions bearable.

Old newspapers for sale at PHOENIX office, at fifty cents a hundred.

We learn that a man engaged in caulking a water tank near the South Carolina Railroad Depot, yesterday, fell a distance of fifteen or more feet, and was badly burned by the hot tar he was using, which fell with him.

A train on the South Carolina Railroad barely escaped a serious accident, the other day, just this side of Adames Cut. A rail was broken and a colored man, observing it, ran ahead and signaled the train, which was stopped in time to prevent a catastrophe.

Poor Sye! It makes us sigh to see how some people will run things in the ground.

The latest styles wedding and visiting cards and envelopes, tastily printed, can be obtained at the PHOENIX office.

The friends of Rev. A. J. Witherspoon in this State, and their name is legion, will be gratified to learn that he is now located in New Orleans, in charge of the mission schools established by the brotherhood of Dr. Palmer's church. Mr. Witherspoon was a faithful chaplain in the late war, and was confined for some months as a prisoner on Johnson's Island. He is widely and favorably known throughout South Alabama as an able and devoted minister of the Gospel. The field in which he is now established is one in which his zeal, earnestness and indefatigable industry will be productive of great and lasting good.

DEATH OF A VENERABLE CITIZEN.—Jacob Bell, Esq., an old and highly respected citizen of Columbia, departed this life, yesterday. He had been for many years engaged in mercantile pursuits, and for a length of time held the position of Ordinary of Richland. He leaves many friends and relatives to lament his decease.

PHOENIXIANA.—The life we live is but a small part of the real life. A great man may begin life in a hovel.

The home circuit—Walking about with a baby in the night.

The Staff of Life is the title of a London paper representing the banking interest.

Painful suspense—Hanging. A tight fit—Delirium tremens. A bridal rein—The honey moon. "Familiar Quotations"—The 7 P. M.

A chimney-sweep likes his trade because it soots him. Model wives formerly took a stitch in time; now, with the aid of sewing machines, they take one in no time.

No wonder the country editor said he was puzzled in looking at ladies' hair to know which was switch. A photographer's epitaph—Taken from life. Vulgar nature alone suffers vainly.

MAIL ARRANGEMENTS.—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 7:15 P. M., closes 8 A. M.; night opens 10 P. M., closes 6:15 P. M. Greenville opens 6:45 P. M.; closes 8 A. M. Western opens 6:30 A. M. and 12:30 P. M.; closes 8 and 1 P. M. Wilmington opens 3:30 P. M.; closes 10:30 A. M. On Sunday the office is open from 8 to 4 P. M.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES THIS DAY.—Trinity Church—Rev. P. J. Shand, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M. Catholic Church—Rev. J. L. Fullerton, First Mass, at 7 A. M.; Second Mass at 10 A. M.; Vespers at 4 P. M. Marion Street Church—Rev. W. D. Kirkland, 10 A. M., and 7 P. M. Sunday-school 9 P. M. Washington Street Church—Rev. S. B. Jones, 10 A. M. Lutheran Church—Rev. A. R. Rude, 10 A. M. Presbyterian Church—Rev. J. R. Wilson, 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Baptist Church—Rev. J. K. Mendenhall, Pastor, 10 A. M. and 7 P. M.

BIRTH NIGHT.—On Friday night, there was a pleasant gathering at the residence of Senator Patterson, to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of a gentleman who, during a three years' residence, has made many friends in Columbia. We refer to Mr. F. S. Jacobs, Cashier of the Carolina Bank and Trust Company. There was music by the Post Band, dancing and a pleasant time generally. Mr. Jacobs has many friends in Columbia, and they testified in a substantial manner their appreciation of him, by the presentation of an elegant and substantial gold-headed cane. Gov. Moses acted as spokesman, and in a few appropriate remarks, reminded Mr. J. that as years increased, the necessity of a support would be apparent. During the evening, a handsome cameo ring was quietly presented, with the accompanying note: "To Mr. F. S. Jacobs—from his army friends stationed at Columbia, S. C., March 7, 1873, in remembrance of the day and as a token of their sincere regard."

The frolic was kept up until a late hour.

LIST OF NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. C. H. Pettengill—Fine Horses. Irwin's Hall—Promenade Concert. Jacob Levin—Gas Light Bills. Meeting Myrtle Lodge, K. of P. F. J. Moses, Jr.—Proclamation. W. D. Love & Co.—Spring Goods. Report Carolina National Bank. Jacob Levin—Hay and Fodder. Meeting Stockholders S. O. R. R. Notice to Tax-Payers. Alex. P. Buist—\$5 Reward. W. Lowry—Wanted. Jacob Levin—Auction Sale.

HOTEL ARRIVALS, March 3, 1873.—Columbia Hotel—R. C. Shoemaker, Philadelphia; L. Isaacs, D. M. Mongo, New York; J. S. Barkalowe, Indianapolis; W. J. Gayer, Charleston; J. S. Browning, Augusta; W. D. Smith, T. E. McIver, Wilmington; John Tarrell, Samuel Reeves, Salisbury; J. T. O. Donahue, Alabama; F. Templett, Texas; J. C. Sweeney, Memphis; J. F. Stelling, Greenville; J. H. Hauser, G. W. Thames, J. D. Gardner, R. D. Bryan, Wilmington; S. T. Poinsett, New Orleans; T. S. Adams, Ohio; J. P. Breden, Bennettsville.

SALE DAY.—A large number of citizens were in attendance on Monday last. The colored population was well represented, as to numbers. The behavior of a few of both colors was not so good as we had seen, and as is usually the case on such occasions at our village, and we regretted to see that too much whiskey was the prime cause of the wrangling and difficulties that occurred. One or two fist fights took place, but little or no damage was done, though stones were freely thrown, weapons flourished, and a great deal of noise made. The rowing was altogether among the whites, with one exception, and that was in the case of a negro interfering in a scuffle between two white men. The said negro was struck on the head with something, (we know not what,) but not injured. We are sadly in want of some power to preserve order and keep the peace. We have officers whose duty it is to keep the peace, but if there was an effort made in that direction on the occasion alluded to, we are not aware of the fact. [Laurensville Herald.]

MANY MEDICINES IN ONE.—In speaking of the extraordinary rapidity with which Hostetter's Stomach Bitters recruit a debilitated and exhausted system, the preparation is usually referred to as a vegetable tonic of marvelous power. But those who suppose that its operation is limited to its direct effect upon the digestive organs, little understand the true nature of this comprehensive remedy. It is not only a tonic, but also a gentle laxative, an active anti-bilious medicine, a mild diuretic, and a general alterative. It is to this combination of many essential sanitary properties that the article owes its success in a variety of distressing complaints, each of which, in ordinary practice, is subjected to a different mode of treatment. It is impossible to investigate a feeble and diseased organization without regulating and purifying it. The Bitters do both. M93:1 Fns.—The dwelling of Mr. John Chamber was destroyed by fire on Sunday night last. Mr. Chamber lost everything he possessed in the world except the clothes on his back.