CULUMBIA, S. C. Sunday Morning, December 21, 1873.

At the evening session of the Senate, Friday, the House tax bill was taken up and passed, with amendments. We have already given the amounts agreed upon in the first three sections of the bill, one and a quarter for the executive and judicial departments, one and a quarter for the penal, charitable and educational institutions, and two mills for common schools. In the fourth section, one and a balf mills tax was levied to meet appropriations to defray the expenses of the General Assembly for the extra session of 1873 and the regular session beginning November 25, 1873. The amount appropriated for public printing is one mill; three and one fourth mills for deficiencies or unpaid appropriations for the year commending November 1, 1872; threefourths of a mill to pay the claims of the South Carolina Banking and Trust Company; one mill; in a new section. to pay the interest on the public debt, and three mills for County purposesamounting, in all, to fifteen mills. There was a fixed purpose to place the tax at this figure, and all parties seemed to dread the consequences of going beyoud it.

There was some discussion upon the amount to be appropriated for the support and maintenance of public schools, Mr. Dunn having moved to substitute one and three-fourths mills in place of the two mills in the bill as it came from the House. He was supported in this reduction by Messrs. Whittemore and Hope. They showed that, under the new assessment of property at \$170, 000,000 or \$176,000,000, that an amount would be raised very nearly equal to that usually voted. But it passed at also entertained of the expediency of presented to the Treasurer for new bonds, in accordance with the provisions of the measure to reduce the volume of servative side did not think it advisable treasury, in advance of any actual surrender made by bond-holders. Not wishing to gain a mill for this purpose, they adhered to the distribution of the tax as presented in the bill, and voted the two mills for public schools. This is the meaning of the vote of Messrs. Duncan, Wilson end Jeter for a two mills free school tax, which the Union-Herald is pleased to call "significant." They cannot justly be charged with any unwillingness to reduce taxes.

While we tannot say that we are satisfied with this result, it is, so far, better than we expected. The shadows of coming disentisfaction rest heavily upon the minds of members, and the spectre of gathering troubles haunts their duly and nightly visions. They have to steer with great cantion, and their apprehension of ricks on the one hand, and whirpools on the other, has made them study the virtue of moderation. They woo it, however, only at a distance; they say it is fair to view; but they are far from heartily embracing it. If they were in earnest, they would proreed to cut down a hundred extravagances, and put their officials on short commons, reducing them at least onehalf in number, and cartailing their sinecures in the same ratio. They would look searchingly into justitutions, so called, which are only easy cushions for those who are only nominally connected with them. Some of them are mere shells, with no life in them useful to the country, or even to the Republican party. They would address themselves particularly to a reduction of the Printing, when ordered and done, must, of course, be paid for; but there are a thousand things printed which are utterly worthless and are never read. But reform, in any enlarged or proper secse, we shall never see in those who now control the State Government of South Carolina. There is no reason in be over ten mills in these hard times.

The Bond-holders Atternative.

The bill to reduce the public debt was read the third time in the Senate, yes. \$6,000,000. We presume, of course, that it will be concurred in by the House and be ratified. It is the best expedient, if not the necessity of the the Lind's End road, St. Helena, form-Republican administration of the State. erly owned by Mr. Taft, but lately oc-

word to say next. Some may agree to the proposition, and others may deter mine to wait for the changes to occur which will bring both the ability and the will to do them justice. The Governor, id his message recommending this peculiar legislation, professed to have a holy horror of repudiation. But this measure is nothing but a repudiating Act, and no doubt just, so far as it applies to a large part of the bonds, but both unwise and unjust to the holders of those which the State really and truly owes, and for which it received full consideration. 'The wrong done to this class is due, as we have said, to the bad company which it is their misfortune to have had thrust upon them, and Caunty to levy a special tex; to require to the dangerous straits in which the party in power here is placed. In the third section of the bill, at the close, is Title I, Part I, of the Revised Statutes, this proviso:

"That no tax shall ever be levied to pay the interest or principal on any of the class of bonds mentioned in the first section, (in which all the bonds due are enumerated,) as long as such bonds re-main outstanding in their present form."

That is to say, each must assume this new form and suffer this reduction, before it can presume to ask pay, either the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, tion, certainly. But, at the same time, is the consequence of incompetency, fraud and riotous living. The practical question comes—in case the holders of bonds decline to accede to the proposition-what will the administration do? \$50,000. If it refuses to pay, according to the proviso quoted, will it consider itself guilty of repudiation? And if it does so refuse, what remedy have the holders

Give Us Light.

In his message, the Governor informs the General Assembly that he has not two mills. Some difference of view was received the report of the Board of Trustees of State University, nor the raising a sum by taxation to defray the reports of the members of the Faculty. interest on the bonds which would be The condition of the University is not, therefore, placed before the Legislature. The Governor says that when it shall receive these reports, it will then be able the debt. Some gentlemen on the Con- to ascertain the status and condition of the several departments. Before this to raise any sum for this purpose and is possible, however, he sends in a deplace it in such a dangerous place as the mand from the Trustees for \$50,000 to carry it on. Such was the purport of a message conveyed to the Genefal Assembly yesterday.

At a proper time we shall recur to this subject, and notice some of the observations and reflections indulged in by the Governor in his message.

The community, and we should think the Legislature also, would like, in view of this large demand-unprecedented in the most prosperous days of the Colwithin its walls-to have a few facts as to its present condition and prospects. How many professors are there, what is their proficiency in knowledge, what departments of instruction are carried on by them, how many students are there in each, what number of recitations are week, &c. Lot the Lagislature and to the Senate. country have such account of these and other particulars which concern the University, as will enable them to judge whether it is doing a real service to sound knowledge and good education or

A Horrible Accident.—A horrible mencing November 4, 1873.

The enacting clause of a bill to amend an Railroad, on Thursday evening. The accident occurred out the North eastern Railroad, on Thursday evening. The accident occurred on the North eastern off by the wheels of a cer and a colored man, named Benjamin Mills, was painman, named Benjamin Mills, was pain-fully injured in the jaw and hands. The Governor Allen, of Onto.—Farmer Allen, the old ex United States Senator IMPORTED WINES, BRANDIES, &c The train on the former road passed inauguration. just shead of the wagon, which had a DEATH OF lot of loose wood in it, besides the men. white man w were thrown on the track, and all four Being unconscious from the time legs of the off animal were broken, and lored men in the wagon, jumped off, and escaped injury; Mills was thrown off and had his jaws injured and one of his hands mashed. Boston Washington, the old colored man who was sitting on the pile of wood in the wagon, was terday, and further amended. It was thrown across the track, the wheel of unanimously passed, and ordered to be grinding it off. The wagon was smashed sent to the House. It brings the debt sent to the House. It brings the debt to pieces, and the wood in it scattered down to the nominal sum of less than in every direction. Several of the cars

were thrown off the track. | Charleston News.

FIRE ON ST. HELENA. -The store on But we are far from being satisfied that their trouble is over in this matter, Those who hold the bonds will have a other things of value.

SENATE. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1873. Mr. Hope presented the annual re-port of the County Commissioners of den & Co. vs. Robert Adger, a suit to Lexington. Also, the accounts of J. A. set aside mortgage, an appeal was taken Ellison, J. T. Setzler, Miss N. E. Daily, for services rendered as school teachers Mr. Andrews presented the claims of the Daily Union Herald and T. C. An-The Committee on Engrossed Bills re-

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ported as ready for a third reading, a bill to raise supplies for the fiscal commencing November 1, 1873, and to alter and amend the law in relation to the collection of taxes.

A message was received from the Governor, aunonncing his approval of the following: Joint resolutions authorizing the County Commissioners of Kershaw Edward I. Cain, Sheriff of Orangeburg County, to give a new official bond; an Act to amend Section 56, Chapter XIII, relating to the bonds of County Trea-

A message was received from the Guvernor containing the following estimates for the support and maintenance of the South Carolina University during principal or interest. This is repudia- \$250; salary of Bursar and Marshal, and supplies for the scientific departments, \$1,500; Library, \$1,000; Preparatory School, \$2,500; thirty-two State Scholarships, \$6,500; furniture, improvements and repairs, \$9,650; total,

> Mr. Cardozo introduced a bill to provide for the vaccination of all abildren attending the public schools.

Mr. Owens-Bill to incorporate the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars.

Mr. Jeter-Joint resolution to relieve the citizens of Union County from paying taxes on their lands on the as: ment of 1573.

A House concurrent resolution to provide for a statement of the affairs of the Bank of the State was concurred in and returned to the House.

A bill to amend an Act equil'ad "An Act to regulate the payment of members of the General Assembly," was made a special order for Tuesday, January 20. A House bill to reduce the volume of the public debt, and provide for the payment of the same, was debated until ijournment.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. A message was received from the Governor, announcing his approval of the following Acts: Acts to aid and enconrage manufactures; to amend Section 2 of Chapter XXVI of the General Statutes of South Carolina, relating to constables; to incorporate the Congaree Fire Engine Company, of Columbia; to acorporate the Agricultural and Mechanical Association, of Abbeville; to charter the town of Allendale, in the County of Barnwell.

Mr. Muckey presented the petition of S. D. Russell, Deputy County Trealege, when more than 200 students were davits. Also, introduced a joint resolution to relieve Stephen D. Russell, Deputy County Treasurer, and William Gurney, County Treasurer of Charleston County, of responsibility for certain moneys lost by him.

Mr. W. A. Grant introduced a concurrent resolution, that the General Assembly take a recess from Monday, Decemmade in each department, each day or 1874, at 7 P. M. Agreed to and ordered ber 22, 1873, to Tuesday, January 20,

The Senate returned, with concurrence, resolution to provide for a statement of the affairs of the Bank of the

Mr. R. M. Smith introduced a joint resolution, providing for the extension of the time for the payment and collection of taxes for the fiscal year com-

men were in a wagon drawn by two of thirty years ago, recently elected (to-mules, belonging to County Commissioner W. II. Thompson, and were on of cattle, which he is now shipping to sioner W. H. Thompson, and were on their way to the city, about dusk. One of the survivors says, that two freight nes on his farm for the next two years. selves particularly to a reduction of the printing and legislative expenses. They would address themtrains were coming to the city—one on the old gentleman is said to look hale the South Carolina Railroad and the and hearty, and is determined not to other on the North castern Railroad.

DEATH OF AN UNKNOWN MAN.-The Shortly afterwards, the train of the Struck by a freight train on the South Carolina Railroad, near the Six Mile House, on Wednesday afternoon, died and struck the rear of the wagon, and struck the rear of the wagon, at the city hospital, Thursday night. was taken to the hospital, he died with-South Carolina. There is no reason in one leg of the near animal out off. ont being able to disclose his name, or equity and justice why the tax should Charles Hudson, one of the three cogive any information about himself or give any information about himself or the accident.—Charleston News.

United States Commissioners.— Judge Bond has appointed the following persons Commissioners of the United States Court for the District of South Carolina: Melvin J. Hiroh, of Kings-tree; Robert A. Sisson, of Barnwell; John McManus, of Chester; H. O'Bear,

December 20.-In the Circuit Court Judge Bond presiding, the case of C to the Sapreme Court of the United States, from the decision of Judge Bond dismissing the bill. In the case of A. C. Garlington vs H. H. Blerse, an order of foreclosure was granted under decree for plaintiff. In the case Wm. E. Dodge vs. Jenkius & Lewis, a bill for foreclosure of mortgage, a de oree for \$9,929 12 was made in favor of the plaintiff, the amount to be paid by the 25th instant, or sale of mortgaged property to take place. In the case of W. L Bradley vs. the South Carolina Phosphate Company, a complaint to reatrain them from digging or mining in the navigable streams of the State, it was ordered that argument be heard in Maryland, in the United States Circuit Court, on the 15th January next.

In the District Court, Judge Bryan presiding, the petition of Chelses Rob-bins, of Chesterfield, for voluntary bank ruptcy, was referred to Registrar Clawson for adjudication. The petition of J. R. Blackman and others, was referred to Registrar Clawson, to report facts the present fiscal year: Salaries of twelve Professors, \$24,000; salary of Demonstrator of Anatomy, \$1,000; son, to set up lien on the estate of Bensalary of Librarian, \$1,500; salary of jumin S Ellis, bankrupt, was referred jamin S Ellis, bankrupt, was referred to Registrar Seabrook. The petition of W. M. Hunter, assignee of John W. salaries of two Janitors, \$300 Harley, bankrupt, to sell real estate, as things stand, it is perhaps the best Rooms and Library, \$500; postage, to Registrar Carpenter. It was ordered that the administration can offer. Such printing and stationery, \$500; apparatus in the case of Solomon C. Harmon, bankrupt, that the lien creditors prove their claims before the 19th January, and that the bankrupt answer within twenty days. The petition of Joseph N. Brown, assignee, to sell the real estate of Nathan McAlister, bankrupt, was referred to Registrar Clawson.

> Signor Grandi, the Secretary of the Italian Consulate in New York, has just returned to Charleston from Port Royal, and gives a doplorable account of the condition in which he found the imrigrants sent to Almeda by agreemen with the Port Royal Colonization Socie

Well Paid.-From a debate in the House of Representatives, between Messrs. Hoar and Dawes, it has leaked out that Grant's pay amounts to \$100,-000 per term.

"A thing of beauty is a jaw forever," as a gentleman said of his handsome scolding wife.

Jones doesn't believe in hard pillows He says in rather violent language for so mild a man-"Down with them!"

A LaCrosso babe, whose sex shall be nameless, has two tongues.

Funeral Invitation. The friends and acquaintances of Col. and

Mrs. L. D. Childs and family, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services of Mrs. L. D. CHILDS, at the Washington Street Church, THIS AFFERNOON, at 3

MARRIED.

On the 11th instant, by the Rev. R. E. Cooper, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mr. J. C. B. SMITH, of Columbia, and Miss JENNIE E. STEELE, of Rock Hill.

Christmas Presents.

A CHEAP and well-assorted stock of WATCHES, JEWELRY, &c., suitable for Christmas Presents, may be found at GEO, BRUNS; Columbia Hotel Building.

Myrtle Lodge No. 3, Knights of Pythias THE Regular Convention of Myrtle
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vill be held in Odd Fellow's Hall,
PO-MORROW (Monday) NIGHT, at
71 o'clock. The Armorial Rank will THE Regular Convention of Myrtle PO-MORROW (Monday) NIGHT, at 71 o'clock. The Armorial Rank will be conterred. The first nomination for officers for the ensuing term will be made. Members are particularly requested to come forward prepared to settle all dues to the close of this term.

CHAS. A. CALVO, JR.

Acacia Lodge, No. 94, A. F. M.



SCOTCH WHISKIES, Old Jamaica Rum, Brandies—Otard, &c., Holland Giff,

Sherry Wine, Port Wine, Madeira Wine. Also, a large stock or and old Whistics, Cigars, &c. J. C. SEEGERS.

HRISTMAS-CAKES,

A BILL INTRODUCED

In either House of the Legislature is often laid on the table, and no further notice taken of it. The INDIAN GIRL trusts, however, that such will not be the case in regard to this advertisement, as she is determined to make it the interest of smokers to heed the notice she now gives. the notice she now gives.

PHENIX.

vesterday.

cream and cobblere. Sporting men are preparing for the sunday open from 2.30 to 3.30 P. M. usual holiday cock fighting.

Those "blasted" Christmas horns continue to grow aggravating.

Only three deaths occurred in Columbia for the week ending the 20th—all the lowest kind. colored.

The fashion here, for several days, has been to sit with open doors and chain of life. windows, so as to catch the breeze.

The Chicago Times wants a home for fallen men established in that burg. We

The "girl of the period" sauntering folliest kind of folly. before us down the street is one pano-

Mesers. D. C. Peixotto & Sons offer worth.

fectionery of every kind. He is one of on at least one day in the year, and our old stand-bys.

well."

Another May day yesterday-although. the heavy frost, early in the moving, with the frolics of the young and old—indicated a resumption of the sway of the boar's head is still produced in

Mr. Tolbert's pair of blood bays at-

need of funds, and offer great bargains commemorating antique customs. A

are requested to call and settle, as money which the old books tell us. They will represent the fresher life of an is needed. The cash rule will be strictly age of advanced civilization, when rude

be seen upon the streets.

Bring in your Christmas advertise- ciation of the inner meaning of the ments. The people are comming the words, of a better reading of the great papers circfully to see where they can lesson of Christian charity. Our poor purchase to the best advantage.

Mr. Bruns' Christmas card appears in comforted; our people lay by their in-another column. He has a very pretty tense rivalries, defor their eager search for wealth, and walk their way, in selection of goods in the jewelry line. peace with themselves and all mankind The Elgiu Almanac is a funny produc- and when the festival reaches its end,

As was to be expected, the proprietors ened, and strengthened. No matter of the "Grand Central Dry Goods Esta the tempest; the rays of sun-shine that biishment" are out with an attractive good acts produce pierce the gicomiest card relative to the holidays. Read it corner and lighten up men's hearts. and follow the directions contained.

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The practical character of our people, their addiction to their own affairs, and their poverty of traditions, have often in the year-nine hours and eight led to unjust criticisms upon them minutes. The sun rises at 7.26 and sets from those who do not read between longth of the days will remain the same deserves the name ever yet forget the poetry of the Ohristmas time. It is -uine hours and ten minutes.

before the Legislature, and which had that is not the day when gifts go its third reading in the Senate, last and we like to be generous at the exhight, provides, in the last section, that We know when to give and how to all taxes shall be payable in specie, give; we believe in hospitality and greenbacks and State certificates of inhead of a colored man, named Boston Washington, about fifty years old, and residing in Morris street, was ground off by the wheels of a colored man, named Boston Washington, about fifty years old, and the manner of conducting the residing in Morris street, was ground off by the wheels of a colored man, named Boston Washington, about fifty years old, and the manner of conducting the pay their dues. By other of the first of the firs were received by merchants, yesterday, the state to share our substance with those less fortunate than ourselves. at ninety five cents on the dollar.

> not record correctly. Unless a remedy love their fellow-men. is applied, and that promptly, safety lamps and patent fluid will come into more general use than ever.

Transfer printing inks are invaluable to railroad companies, banks, merchants, manufacturers and others. They are enduring and changeless, and will copy sharp and clear for an indefinite of the most choice material. They are fight ince and rich.

Also, a large assortment of very choice CANDIES, both fresh and plain, made of the best and purest of angars. At

JOHN H. HEISE'S, Plain Street.

Remotous Services This Day.—St.

Mass 101 A. M.; Vespers 41 P. M.

Rector, 11 A. M. and 4 P M.

CITY MATTERS. - Subscribe for the MAILARRANG MENTS -The Morthern mail opens 6.80 A. M., 8 P. M.; stoses Holiday for the children all of this 11 A. M., 6 P. M. Charleston opens 8 A. M., 5.30 P. M.; closes 8 A. M., 6 P. Abundant supplies of fowls in market M. Western opens 6 A. M., 12.80 P. M. loses 6, 1.80 P. M. Greenville opens Yesterday was warm enough for ice 3.45 P. M.; closes 6 A. M. Wilmington opens 4 P. M.; closes 13.30 A. M. Ob

PHENIXIANA .- To train a child in the way, etc., walk in that way yourself oc-

When a man is a brute, he is one of

Laughing shakes out the kinks in the

People who are always prating of Christian love and kindness, seldom have time to practice those virtnes,

suggest that they just roof the town in. which you cannot keep yourself, is the

No man who paid regularly for his

rama of awful surprise from top to toe. newspaper was ever bit by a med dog. for sale, at auction, a lot of Christmas THE CHRISTMAS TIDE. - The rotation articles-confectionery and fire-works, of the months again brings round the It is to be hoped that the Indian Christmas tide -- the season of good fel-Girl's suggestion will not be carried out. lowship and kindly acts, when far reach-We give it, however, for what it is ing benevolence looks beyond the narrow limits of selfish instincts, to spy Our neighbor, Mr. John O. Seegers, out the wants of others; and when the advertises a lot of gennine imported open hand scatters blessings upon the fluids—some of them essential in com cich and poor alike. It is impossible to refuse recognition of the obsery Captain Heise is prepared for the septed meaning. Peace on earth and Christmas festivities with cakes and con-good-will to men are not empty words the religious faith which interprets the The ladies are singing about "the spiritual significance of the command unites with the usage of the civilized moth eaten bustle, the old iron bustle, world in establishing the traditional the cloth-eaten bustle that hung on so observance. In olden countries, where legendary lore imparts a poetic tinge to the festivities of the closing year, a solemn state, the holly-berries gleam, the ancient games are played, and the mistletoe hangs in the hall, all old but tract seneral attention and admiration. It is the best matched animals in grand-dames, long years before, kept the city. Messrs. Kinard & Wiley are also in sommunities of America, we borrow in clothing as inducements to pur-bundred years hence, Americans will chasers to invest. bave traditions, but they will be tra-Persons indebted to the Phonix office ditions of another sort from those of adhered to hereafter.

There is a Gypsey camp in the neighborhood of the Asylum branch, and every day numbers of the band are to the seen upon the streets.

usages were displaced by the finer quality of merry-making, and when the gentler arts of life were utilized for practical ends. The annual returns of our Christmas tide show the marks of bigher cultivation.

of higher cultivation, of a better appre-

the community is brightened, sweet-

4.34. For the next seven days the the lines; but no American citizen who poetry of the Christmas time. It is The bill to raise supplies, now pending all than on Thanksgiving Day, for Christmas in America is always the There is great complaint about the sparkling season of supreme content, gas. The smell is intolerable. An. when no Scrooge could go uncon-other ground of complaint is the regis. Abou-ben-adhem, that our names may tering by the meters—they certainly do be written in the list of those who LIST OF NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

J. C. Seegers—Imported Wines, &c. Indian Girl—Tobacco, Pipes, &c. John H. Heise—Christmas-Cakes. Geo. Bruns-Christmas Presents. Meeting Myrtle Lodge. Meeting Acacia Lodge.
Kiuard & Wiley—Clothing, &c.
W. D. Love & Co.—Dry Goods, &c. D. C. Peixotto & Sons-Auction.

NERVOUS DEBILITY. - A DEPRESSED, IRRITABLE STATE OF MIND; WEAK, NER-VOUS, EXHAUSTED FEELING; NO ENERGY RELIGIOUS SERVICES THIS DAY. - St. OR ANIMATION; CONFUSED HEAD, WEAK Peter's (Catholic) Church-Rev. J. L. MEMORY, OFTEN WITH DEBILITATING, IN-Fullerton, First Mass 7 A. M.; Second VOLUNTARY DISCHARGES.—The consequence of ex :esses, mental over-work or Iass 10½ A. M.; Vespers 4½ P. M. indiscretions. This nervous Debility Trinity Church—Rev. P. J. Shand, finds a Sovereign cure in Humphreys' Rector, 11 A. M. and 4 P M. HOMGETATHIC SPECIFIC, No. 28. It Lutheran Church—Rev. A. R. Rude, tones up the system, arrests discharges, John McManus, of Chester; H. O'Bear, of Winnsboro.

"Owing to John Robinson's circus being in town, the regular Thursday evening prayer meeting has been postponed," said a recent number of the poned," said a recent number of the Enterprise, of Dallas, Texas.

The body of Capt. John Jacob Fisher, who was knocked overboard from his vessel, one night last week, has been recovered.

Mr. B. C. Rosborough died at his home near Blackstock, on Wednesday.

The home near Blackstock of Rosborough died at his of the presentation of the presentation of some gift as a token of regard. This pleasant duty you will not care.

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Jones, 10½ A. M.

Washington Street Church—Rev. Sid.

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