COLUMBIA, S. C. Saturday Morning, January 3, 1874.

The Proposed State Convention. The Hon, W. D. Porter, President of the Tax-payers' Convention, which met in this city in May, 1871, and adjourned subject to the call of the Executive Committee, has requested the Committee to meet in Charleston, on the 13th instant, to consider the proposition to re-assemble the Convention and enlarge the number of delegates to it. The suggestion has been made in our columns, by a responsible, patriotic and highly intelligent gentleman, that the order of the grange in every County and the farmers' clubs throughout the State should appoint delegates, with alternates, to assemble in Columbia, on the 15th instant, to issue an address to their fellow-citizens of other States, and to petition Congress for relief from the intolerable evils to which they are subjected. To this suggestion, several cordial and earnest responses have been made. Only one journal in the State has taken exceptions to it, and that, as we showed at the time, upon the insufficient ground that the grange was debarred from engaging in political dis-

cussion. It seemed to us, however, that our friend "Vidette" did not lay a sufficiently broad basis for a convention to stand upon. But, as we said afterwards. in explanation of his meaning, it was his as well as our purpose to start with the designation of the most prominent organized body in the State which fairly represented its property, intelligence, candor and character. Once the movement was fairly initiated, and public interest aroused to the importance of the mode of action contemplated, it was expected that other elements would come forward, widen its scope, and add their force and momentum to it. It was the intention to get the fullest concert of action in banding together all available and reputable influences in opposition te the prevailing corruption, and in sending forth to the world such a voice of power and truth as would place our cause fairly before it for its just judgment. We are gratified that the Charleston Board of Trade has moved so promptly and efficiently in the same direction, and that the respected and honored President of the Tax-payers' Convention has summoned its Executive Committee to consult upon the expediency of re-assembling it. He shows himself to be in sympathy with the great heart and fixed purpose of the people. And it is equally wise and thoughtful in him to suggest an enlargement of the body which it is proposed

The convention of 1871 was barren of immediate practical results, or rather, it failed to secure those valuable results which were within its grasp. We need not dwell upon the causes of this shortcoming. They in no way reflected upon its ability, dignity, patriotism or earnestness. Chese were conspicuous throughout its entire sessions. We have gone over its papers and reports with care and interest, and find them fully up to the mark of the great undertaking they had in hand. They have a high value even now. The convention, as then organized, and in its personnel, is the best nucleus about which a real convention can now be gathered. We trust that, in the terms of the call be made, should it be deemed advisa. ble, provision may be afforded to supstrictly representative of the great interests, the honor, the ability, the patriotism, and especially the stern determination of the people. Let them see to it that they select their ablest and most faithful men to represent them.

The Immigration Report. . against the introduction of immigrants, delivered as if aimed at the Republican Printing Company, but really meant for the people of the State, who are calling on all hands for intelligent, steady and reliable labor., The Herald opposes itself to their wishes, and plants its batteries directly in the path of progress and improvement. In answering it, we have assumed that the publication of statistics, which show our varied resources, would be both timely and instructive. The idea of such a publication was not a bad one; but we are free to say, that the plan was not such at to structive. The idea of such a publicacommand approval, nor has it been held military or civil offices in the late faithfully and economically carried out.

The amount appropriated is at least three or four times greater than was necessary. Reports could have been thorized a full statement of their official thorized and the full statement of the full statement of their official thorized and the full statement of t procured from the Counties for the average sum of \$400 each. The services of a competent compiler might have been a competent compiler might have been ception, indicated a desire that no mensecured for \$1,000 or \$1,500. 100,000 tion should be made of that fact.

and published for \$10,000 or \$12,000. The whole expense might thus have been kept within \$25,000. The newspapers all over the State and in other States would have reproduced a large portion of it, and its useful figures, facts and discussions have been extensively published to the world. What has been done already, we don't know. But the appropriation of \$75,000, for the purpose specified, is out of all bounds.

If the Printing Company be wise and capable of reading the signs of the times, it will studiously and faithfully endeavor to discharge the business committed to it. It need not expend the large fund voted towards this purpose. Whatever it does, the amount and value o. the publication should correspond to the expense charged for it. It may depend upon it, that it will be closely eyed and held to a strict accountability. If the measure was originated merely to bring grist to the company, it will appear in the character of its work, and will be exposed. It is its duty to use the opportunity to turn a dubious enterprise to the public good, and to keep within reasonable and proper bounds of expenditure, disbursed strictly in furtherance of the professed object.

We are not amongst those who disapprove of the scheme to procure and publish statistical and other matter of interest from all the Counties of the State, with the view of circulating it to influence immigrants to come to us. We think the idea the best that the present party in power here ever acted upon. We can conceive that a most valuable, interesting and instructive volume could thus be prepared. And we are sure that it would do great good. foreigners and Northerners need such a and Giddy Pardue, in which the former work. We need it ourselves. We really do not know or properly appreciate our advantages. In the preparation of the material of such a work the best talent and most industrious research ought to be employed in the several Counties, and a man with high talent at Wesley Pardue, when Giddy Pardue for arrangement and condensation charged with the office of preparing it for the press. A very useful book could thus be produced, and at a small

THE TAX-PAYERS' CONVENTION .- The members of the Executive Committee of the Tax-payers' Convention are requested to meet at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, in Charleston, on Tuesday, 13th day of January, in-stant, at 12 M., for the purpose of consulting upon the proposal of the Chamber of Commerce, that the convention be re-assembled "to take into consideration the present condition of the tax payers of the Stats," and also a proposition to enlarge the numbers of the The following gentlemen compose the Executive Committee: James Chesnut, Johnson Hagood, Thos. Y. Simons, C. W. Dudley, E. B. C. Cash, F. F. Warley, A. P. Aldrich, Henry Gourdin, H. C. Smart, William Wallace, R. L. McCaughrin, T. J. Goodwyn, J. L. Westmoreland, A. H. Davega, A. B. Woodruff, John L. Manning, M. L. Bonham, A. Burt; W. D. Porter, President.

UNITED STATES COURT -The report of Registrar Seabrook on the petition of Dancan Murchison against Benjamin S. Ellis, bankrupt, was confirmed. eport of Registrar Scabrook on the petition of Buckley, Willing & Co., in the matter of W. L. J. Reed & Sou, to secure trust fands, was confirmed. The Clark of the Court was ordered to give creditors of Wm. Hatton, bankrupt, to prove claims before Registrar Jaeger; that the bankrupt plement its membership, and that a answer the petition of H. C. Suber, body will be got together which will be guardian, for the sale of the real estate and personal property of the bankrupt within twenty days, and that the Registrar report the liens established and which portion of the property is ex-empted as a homestead, &c. The pe-tition of Lawsen Petroperus. tition of James Robinson was referred to Registrar Clawson.

"A Brick."--The British captain who We treated in our last the absurd and hostile views of the Union-Herald or he would be be be be be being the Virginius people, or he would be be be being the town, is being recognized by sympathetic Americans. The Western papers announce that the residents of Virginia City, Nevada, propose to present a silver brick to this brave officer for his manly action in the case of the Virginius. The brick will bear this inscription: "Lamberton Lor-raine, you are a 'brick;" this is another presented by Americans who love humanity and its manly defenders. Virginia City, Nevada, U. S. A., 1873." The testimonial is characteristically Western.

> THE CONFEDERATES IN CONGRESS AND 'THE BUREAU" MEN. -The Congression-

copies of a volume of 150 pages of valu- PLUNDERING THE GOVERNMENT. able matter might have been printed Some damaging disclosures are made in the Washington letters to the New York Tribune and the Cincinnati Commercial. not only in regard to Attorney-General Cabinet, as well as the practices which Williams promises to bring to light full." practices in nearly, if not quite all, the executive departments, which are cer-tainly not consistent with a strict economy, if, indeed, they are with honest administration. The payment of \$1,600 for a carriage for the Attorney-General's family, is but an ordinary affair. In the Treasury Department, some of the expenditures are of the most extravegant character. Our Washington correspondence instances \$40,000 for temporary olerks, \$50,000 for stationery, \$40,000 decorated him with the Order of St. for furniture and carpets, \$50,000 for Anne, and given him fifty roubles. coal, wood, gas, tumblers, hatchets, pitchers, towels, etc.; \$65,000 for newspapers, repair of wagons, cure of horses. brooms, brushes, matches, soup, etc.; and it is stated that the names of private servants are borns on the pay rolls of the Government. There seems to be a complete system of picking and stealing, bigh and low. Is it any wonder that Congressmen speculate in Credit Mobilier and vote themselves back pay ia such an atmosphere? Or that Boss Shepherd is confirmed? Or that every day brings news of the absconding of defaulting officials? And yet Congress is told that there is no possible chance for retrenchment, except by stopping work on the public buildings

> FATAL AFFRAY AT GRANITEVILLE -The Aiken Tribune, of Saturday, gives the following version of the unfortuin Graniteville, on the nate shooting

25th. The Tribune says: "Graviteville contributes her quota to the list of outrages by which the fair name of our County was smirched on Christmas day. A difficulty occurred was shot, and it is thought mortally wounded, by the latter. Renew was drunk and very turbulent, and, after two attempts to shoot other people, engaged in an altercation with Wesley, the father of Giddy. Whilst this was progressing, some one knocked Renew down. He arcse and fired three times came on the scene and shot bim in the abdomen. It is believed that the wound will prove mortal. No arrests have yet

We have since learned, from a gentleman from Graniteville, that Renew died on Saturday night last.

SICKLES .- Even the New York Times rejoices at the Cuban embroglio, if for no other reason than that it has resulted in the removal and disgrace of Dan. Sickles. Dan. began life as a New York He will now have a chance of returning to the dirt from whence he The Times dismisses him consprang. temptuously thus:

"We confess that we are heartily glad the public service is rid of him, and we earnestly trust that we have now heard the last of him, or, at least, that he will not be chosen again to represent the American people, or any section of them, in any capacity whatever. We may now state that the recent negotiations with Spain were carried on without reference to Sickles in any way-his own bad judgment and worse temper having rendered it impossible for the Spanish Minister to hold any intercourse with him at a very early day. We may almost be thankful for this Virginius affair, if it has been the means of digging a grave for Sickles.'

THE FAMINE IN IOWA -The destitute follows: In Osceola County, 200 families; in Lyons County, 100; Cherokee, Alto, 30; total number of families, 680, besides seed to sow 75,000 acres of laud already broken. The people of Iowa are

of the sufferers. Contributions are asked from other parts of the country. The State Grange has made a call of twenty cents per member throughout the State, which will furnish a large sum.

DEATH OF LITTLEBERRY COCHRAN, Esq.—This respected and formerly well known citizen departed this life, at his home, some nine or ten miles West city on the 25th inst.

The death of Judge B. C. Franklin, of Galveston, Texas, occurred in that city on the 25th inst. of Edgefield, on Friday last, in the eighty lifth year of his age.

Robert Volcklandt, a German resident of Savannah, committed suicide on the 29th, by taking corrosive sublimate. He was a watch-maker, and his stock was distrained for debt, which Arthur Cohen. Esq., a J led to the terrible act.

Mrs. E. A. Booker, a sister of the new counsel. late Princess Achille Murat, of Florida, died in Savannah, on the 26th ult., aged sixty years. She was a Virginian by birth, and had married three times.

According to Dr. Livingstone, the Victoria Falls on the Zambesi are 600 feet wider than the combined Falls of Niagara. Their native name is Mosioa-

A Green Bay (Wisconsin) dentist re-cently suspended work on a young lady's teeth for a moment and kissed her. The next day he paid the girl's father \$300. Mr. Jesse Richardson, an old and bighly esteemed citizen of Barnwell

County, died on Friday evening last, in the seventy-second year of his age. Mrs. M. J. Green, of Chester, wife of

Mr. F. Green, died on Saturday last, after a painful illness of three weeks.

lication lately made of the assets of Jay Cooke & Co. the not strengthened public confidence in the ability of the firm to liquidate the indebteduese. It was known that the firm was very heavily 'loaded up' with Northern Pacific, but prevail in the management of the White no one imagined that they had on hand House. President Grant was re-elected such a mass of other wild cat' securion the promise of economy, and these ties. The most sauguine creditors here letters give us some idea of the economy are now not expecting to realize more he and his subordinates are practicing; than ten cents on the dollar. The The Tribune says: "The investigation of Cookes themselves, however, still conthe charges against Attorney-General tinue to insist that they will pay up in

A mature Casabianca has been discovered in the Rassian army. He is a private soldier who was on duty as a sentinel in the town of Bardosek. great fire that occurred in the town recently, had spread to his watch-box. It was burned, and the sentinel's clothing was on fire, when a corporal arrived to relieve him. The Emperor has made the man a non-commissioned officer,

IMMIGRATION. - We learn from Rev. Mr. Kuhus that twenty-fire families have been ordered for Dr. Davis and others, at Clinton, and that the immigrants will arrive in a few days. Five families have been ordered for Messis, D. C. Kibber, L. W. Bowers, J. T. P. Crosson and Rev. J. C. Boyd, at Poma-

Among the articles sold as unclaimed freight at the depot of the Hadson River Railroad, last Friday, were seven grave-stones, with the names of the parties for whom they were prepared inscribed thereon. Coming under the head of dead stock, the lot brought only

Old Mr. McOmber arrived the other lay, in Schedectady, N. Y., from the West, in a destitute condition, and his son, who lives there, sent him at once to the poor house. That night be took an over-dose of opium, and died the next morning.

The report of the drowning, last week, of a party of negroes by the up-It would be timely now. Not only do there, that day, between Peter Renew River, below the city, appears to be setting of their boat in the Savannah confirmed. The boat contained over thirty persons, only one of whom was

The New Orleans Times states that in accordance with resolutions adopted by the Clearing House Association, all the cortificates have been retired, and the banks begun the payment of currency on the 22d ult. So far the deposits have exceeded the payments.

A Titusville paper says: "A man called at one of our shoe stores, yesterday, and vainly essayed to get on either number 11, 12 and 13 shors. The store-keeper then suggested that he should put on a thinner pair of steckings and try on the box.'

A Maine gentleman refused to get up and light a fire, and his wife said she wouldn't, and they remained in bed thirty-seven hours. Of course the wife had to give in. - Boston Post. The editor of the Post dare not say so at

A New Orleans woman who hates children, declares that when she grows to be an old woman, it will be her ambition and delight to be lame and use crutches so that she can sit on her doorstep and beat to death every child that passes her way.

TICHBORNE -Coilector Allen, of New Bedford, Mass., who has been in Eng-land to testify in the Tichborne case, has returned, convinced that the claimant is a fraud, and that Dr. Kenealy, his counsel, begins to believe it, too.

The Duke of Hamilton is about to retire from the turf, on account of his marriage. Thirty-seven horses belonging to his stable in Paris were sold recently for 133,795 francs.

A Rochester (N. Y) man, named Forbes, gets sixty days in the penitenfamilies in North-west Iowa number as tiary for stealing one newspaper left a subscriber by a carrier.

It you wish to travel cheaply, patro-10; Sioux, 200; O'Brien, 250; Plymouth, nize those railroads which advertise to 10; Clay, 50; Dickinson, 15; Emmet, 30; darry their passengers "through with-cossuth, 50; Buena Vista, 35; Palo out change." auge.

or 4,000 persons. The articles most recognize newspaper people in Washneeded are clothing, fuel and provisions, ington this season. Good for the news-

already broken. The people of Iowa are coming forward generously to the relief of the sufferers. Contributions are asked from other parts of the country.

Here is a tepid joke from some paper: "Citizens of the Hub now spell it bosaked from other parts of the country."

drinks." The Graphic says the fate of the Virginins is eminently fit and proper, considering the number of reputations she

has sunk.

A German pamphlet published at Uri, has this title: "Bundesverfassung-sverwolfungsfolksversammlungschluss."

The late John P. Hale once remarked that "of all sorts of essence, the devil

Arthur Cohen, Esq., a Jew, will be execute orders at moderate prices, found in the next list of the Queen's The Enterprise Fire Engine

The total colored population of the United States is 4,850,000, of which 584,040 are mulattoes. Deaths in Charleston for the week

ending the 27th ult., 27-whites, 7; colored, 20. Twenty-five cows were burned to

death in a stable at New Orleans, the other day. 5,000 commercial drummers have

been discharged in New York. It requires 18,000 lamps to illuminate the streets of New York.

A country clergyman in Illinois succeeds in living on ninety cents a week. terday was colder than an oil-cloth."

old lady with the red nose said.

CITY MATTERS. -Subscribe for the PHOENIX.

the sunny South forever.

Mos Lereafter. Fridays and five Saturdays.

receiving credit?

esterday, 1873?

The popular beverage is still some- line, each insertion. thing "hot." Mr. R. H. Greneker has purchased

the Newberry Progressive Age. our five cents and PAY for it.

The new city bell was tried on the 1st commended by all who heard it.

Agnew's cash grocery and hardware strictly. The prices are fair.

Remember that, localites, and bring the necessary chauge.

Mrs. Oates' reception at Savannah was Phenixiana. - The question puzzling Many of our Northern visitors and the year."

Callender's Georgia Minstrels perform Shakspeare's "Seven Ages of Man"-

n Irwin's Hall. They are said to be an marri-age, parent-age and dot age. original slave troupe.

tractions are fast playing out.

amount of reading matter.

through the window, and smashed one oity. of the plate glass lights. This is the second accident of the sort which has occurred in the same establishment.

A gentleman from Ward's Island, New York, expects to leave to-day for Charleston, with 100 more Italian immigrants, who come to seek employment in the State as farm laborers. Among the number are several families.

Governor Moses and staff reviewed in the full uniform worn by the old Souder, Fairfield; A G Cudworth,

Persons indebted to the Phoenix office wille; E D Herring, Baltimore; Mrs L M Crenshaw, Yorkville.

Wheeler House—J L Blake, Baltit once. There is a large amount due-

Transfer printing inks are invaluable to railroad companies, banks, mer-

pany, under command of Vice-President James Wells, and escorted by the Vigi-James Wells, and escorted by the Vigi-lants, Captain John Dennison, paraded 50 sale by HOPE & GYLES. yesterday afternoon, and paid a visit to the establishment of Mayor Alexander.

50 BARRELS A, Ex. C and C, for sale low for greenbacks.

HOPE & GYLES. with evergreens and the ropes were manned with stalwart-looking indivi- 200 LBS. cheice VENISON HAMS. duals.

MAIL ARRANGEMENTS.—The Northern mail opens 6.30 A. M., 3 P. M.; closes 11 A. M., 6 P. M. Charleston opens 8 ultimo, a MULE, which the owner can obtain by proving property and paying charges.

Taken Up,

ON the State Road, fifteen miles from Columbia, on Sunday, the 28th ultimo, a MULE, which the owner can obtain by proving property and paying charges.

J. DINKINS. A. M., 5.30 P. M.; closes 8 A. M., 6 P. paying charges. The Danbury News man says: "Yes-closes 6, 1.30 P. M. Greenville opens of than an oil-cloth."

"Good blood will show itself," as the lady with the red nose said.

"Western opens A. M. Greenville opens of the control opens A. M. Wilmington opens A. M. Wilmington opens A. M. On Strips, 3,000 lbs. Sugar-cured Sunday open from 2.30 to 3.30 P. M.

"HAMS, for sale low for cash. HOPE & GYLES.

To SUBSCRIBERS AND ADVERTISERS,-Orders for advertisements, job work. We had another May day yesterday, etc., must be accompanied with the CASH. No exceptions can be made. Cash will be the rule at the Phonix Ordinary advertisements \$1 per square of nine printed lines for first juscrition; This month has five Thursdays, five hifty cents each subsequent insertion; weekly, monthly and yearly rates for-Which ruins the most men-giving or nished on application. Advertisements inserted once a week, \$1 each insertion. How many of you dated your letters, Marriages and funeral invitations, \$1. Notices in local column fifteen cents a

INSTALLATION SERVICES. -The installation of the Rev. J. H. Bryson, as Don't ask for a copy of a paper-bring this city, will take place to-morrow (Sunday) morning, at 11 o'clock. The and again yesterday, and the sound Girardeau, of Charleston. He is appointed by the Presbytery to preside house carries out the eash system tions. Rev. Dr. Wilson is appointed to Local notices are fifteen cents a line. to address the people. The public are address the pastor, and Rev. Dr. Howe

a perfect ovation. The little contatrice the juvenile mind is, "Where does was almost smothered amid bouquets. Santa Claus stay during the rest part of

residents carried out the pleasing cus. Keep your feet dry, your head warm tom of receiving "calls" on New Year's and your toes straight on the chalk line of duty, and you will be happy.

on Monday and Tuesday evenings next, Message, lugg age, saus-age, romp-age,

Profanity never did any man the Mr. A. Palmer has a curiosity-a least good. No man is the richer, or piece of lead pipe, in which a small fish happier, or wiser for it. It commends had become jammed, and the pressure no one to any society. It is disgusting was so strong that the lead gave way. to the refined; abominable to the good; So-called Emancipation Day, January insulting to those with whom we asso-1, was only slightly celebrated by the ciate; degrading to the mind; unprofitacolored citizens. The day and its at ble and injurious to society.

Fresh fish and Norfolk oysters are return of Mrs. Oates among us is always regularly served at the Palmetto Ice bailed with pleasure. She comes this House. Mr. Surau, the agent, will be year with reinforced supplies, gathered pleased to attend to the wants of his during a summer tour in Europe, in Mr. Jacob Levin has removed from she had us in heart, She remembers which she had us in eye, as we are sure the old ration house—his stand for most gratefully that here her rare talents years-and now occupies one of Mr. and efficient application of them always Alworden's stores on the old Court received unqualified endorsement, and The Wilmington Daily Journal com- since attained. The repertoire of Mrs. speeded her on to the marked height menced its twenty-third annual volume Oates is full of sparkling, brilliant muon the 1st instant. The paper has been sic, and as this, too, will be the only opreduced in size, but contains its usual portunity for enjoyment of anything The down passenger train over the should not be neglected. Let us greet Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta Rail-the charming little favorite, then, on road was detained several hours, yester- Monday, January 12, with a thronging day, by the run-off of a freight train and hearty welcome. Offenbach's faabove Winusboro. One freight car de-mous opera bonffe, in four acts, entitled "The Grand Duchess of Gerolstein," A dog, who was an unwilling prisoner will be the opening piece. Mr. Allin-in Mr. Solomon's store, made a dart son, the business agent, is now in this

> LIST OF NEW ADVERTISEMENTS Professor M. DeOrville-Gymnastics. Hope & Gyles-Sugars, Hams, etc. Agnew's Cash Store. J. Dinkins-Mule Taken Up. The Misses Elmore's School. Mrs. Frank Elmore's School. St. Mary's School, Raleigh, N. C.

W. F. Sarau-Fresh Fish, etc.

HOTEL ARRIVALS, January 2, 1874 .the National Guard, in Charleston, on Sharp, Lexington; H D Hamiter, Richthe 1st. The Commander-in-Chief was land; Dr J E Durr, Graniteville; B F regime. The officers were out in large York; J A Bookhart, Dr S W Bookhart, numbers, but the privates were scarce. wife and son, Doko; J N Hare, Lees-

more; Hunter, Ga: H Phifer. It seems that Ben. Butler refuses to the greater portion in small sums. The Pope, A N Talley, P F McLaughlin, N recognize newspaper people in Washington this season. Good for the newspaper people!

the greater portion in small sums. The Pope, A N Talley, P F McLaughlin, N C; W S Byles, N Y; B F Bryan, N C; W S Byles, N Y; B F Bryan, N C; W A Bradley, Ga; W F Brittain, N Y; paper people! sures.

S Clarkson, N C; W W Webb, NewThe front of Messrs. W. D. Love & berry; N G Osteen, Sumter; M W B
Co.'s "Grand Central" establishment
was decorated on the 1st, with the inc; T J Cunningham, Fairfield; O E
scription, "Happy New Year," skillfully Spencer, Yorkville; J W Allison, agent arranged with toweling. We return our Oates troupe; J Woodruff, Miss M J thanks to the proprietors for the "com. Woodruff, Charleston; R C Sharp, S C; thanks to the proprietors for the "com. G A Huggin, Manning; L C Thompson, pliments of the season."

Mrs L C Thompson, Liberty Hill.

Professor M. DeOrville

to railroad companies, banks, merchants, manufacturers and others. They are enduring and changeless, and will of his wonderful gymnastic feats, never becopy sharp and clear for an indefinite period of time. Having just received a bia Hotel. Standing on the head, walking fresh supply of inks, we are prepared to execute orders at moderate prices.

The Enterprise Fire Engine Company under command of Vice Pracident.

Mess Mackerel.

Clarified Sugars.

Venison Hams.