

The Lunatic Asylum.

The mismanagement and decline of the public institutions are matters of universal regret, and for many years past, have supplied a lamentable theme of comment and ground of exposure in the journals of the country.

In this desert, we are pleased to notice one oasis. The industry, skill and untiring efforts of Dr. Ensor to manage the Lunatic Asylum in a way that will subvert the great interests and high duties of a hospital for the insane, and so bring relief to the most afflicted portion of humanity, are worthy of all praise.

The Superintendent gives us a melancholy narrative of his embarrassments and difficulties arising from the inadequate provision made for the ordinary support of the institution.

guage and exhibits of its chief officer, for immediate relief. We can but commend it to the fostering care of those who control affairs.

We copy the following very remarkable article from the Port Royal Commercial, a Republican paper.

AN ORGANIZATION OF TAX-PAYERS.—On the 17th of next month, a tax-payers convention will meet in Columbia.

Let the convention resolve itself into a league; let its members be authorized to form subordinate leagues in their respective Counties.

If even one-half of the real estate owners of the State could be brought to sign such a pledge as that, it would be enough.

Unless some plan of the kind is adopted to prevent the annual filing of the coffers in Columbia, no reform is possible.

The Augusta Chronicle and Sentinel, of January 14, 1874, says:

A WONDERFUL CURE.—Yesterday morning, John G. Arthur, a young man who resides in Graniteville, South Carolina, came into our office.

MORE IMMIGRANTS.—Another band of 200 immigrants arrived in Charleston yesterday, from Castle Garden.

SKETCH OF THE SIAMESE TWINS.—The Siamese twins, Eng and Chang, lately residing in North Carolina, were born at a small village on the coast of Siam.

After attracting a vast amount of attention among scientists and physiologists in the old world, they married two sisters, and settled down near Salisbury, N. C.

Mr. Hurley—Joint resolution to authorize and require J. E. Green to turn over for certain purposes therein mentioned.

ADVISES FROM MOUNT AIRY, N. C., the home of the late Siamese twins, stating that it was about 6 o'clock in the morning.

It is stated that the family physician and other medical men who were present soon after the demise of the brothers, desired to discover the ligature or membrane that so effectually united them while living.

COLUMBIA, S. C., January 19, 1874.

At a regular meeting of the Trustees of School District No. 1, Richland County—present C. J. Carroll, L. L. Brown, G. D. Lowndes—Miss H. Q. Brown was appointed assistant teacher in Howard School.

RESOLVED, That the sum of \$1,500 be, and is hereby, appropriated to build a school house on a site granted by the City Council for that purpose.

FIRE IN DARLINGTON.—Sunday morning, about 8 o'clock, the residence of Mr. S. Marco, in Darlington, took fire, and in an hour's time was converted into ashes.

WISDOM NELSON, colored, was accidentally drowned in Goose Creek Monday.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1874.

SENATE.—The Senate assembled at 12 M. Mr. Swails, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred a joint resolution to relieve certain citizens of the town of Prosperity, Newberry County, from taxation, reported back the same, with the recommendation that the joint resolution do not pass.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—Mr. Bowley introduced a bill to make appropriation for the payment of the salary and mileage of the members of the General Assembly, salaries of subordinate officers and employees, and expenses incidental thereto.

Mr. Ellison—Bill to authorize and require the County Treasurer of Abbeville County to pay the excess arising from the levy to build the Court House to the past due indebtedness of said County.

Committees reported upon a large number of bills and joint resolutions, which were ordered to lie over for a second reading.

At 3 P. M., the House adjourned to 12 M. to-morrow.

THE MURDERERS' CLUB.

The New York Murderers' Club is a nice institution. All the murderers in the Tombs belong to it, and all the members are bound to each other by the strongest ties of friendship.

GOOD NEWS FROM A FRIEND.—We had the pleasure, last evening, of receiving a letter from our old friend, Wm. Pinckney Starke, now Professor of Ancient Languages and Literature in Urbana University, Ohio.

PROF. DENCK'S CONCERT.—Mr. Joseph H. Denck's concert, last evening, was an enjoyable affair.

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CITY MATTERS.—Subscribe for the PHENIX.

The setting out of shade trees is now in order. Cold and nipsh, yesterday, with every indication of snow.

The grangers are growing so rapidly in this State that they will soon be able to begin a Ceres of elections.

Persons indebted to the PHENIX office are earnestly requested to call and settle at once.

Transier printing inks are invaluable to railroad companies, banks, merchants, manufacturers and others.

Messrs. Hoffman & Albrecht, 156 Main street, are making a fine display of their large stock of goods.

ETAW ENCAMPMENT, No. 2, I. O. O. F.—At the regular meeting of this lodge, held last evening, the following officers were installed for the current term: J. W. Smith, C. P.; J. McCammon, H. P.; R. B. McKay, S. W.; C. Wallin, J. W.; James Kelly, Scribe; M. Ehrlich, Treasurer.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.—An official visit was paid Myrtle Lodge, No. 3, Knights of Pythias, at its regular convention on Monday evening, by Grand Chancellor E. H. Rodgers and Past Chancellor R. Senior, of Charleston.

The committee appointed by the meeting of the tax-payers of Marion County are quietly waiting the action of the Legislature.

There is a preparation for coloring ladies' gums a beautiful and delicate pink, and the result is a song that is popular among confidential friends.

LIST OF NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Meeting Columbia Chapter. H. & S. Beard—Auction. J. Agnew & Son—Potatoes.

NERVOUS DEBILITY.—A DEPRESSED, IRRITABLE STATE OF MIND; WEAK, NERVOUS, EXHAUSTED FEELING; NO ENERGY OR ANIMATION; CONFUSED HEAD, WEAK MEMORY, OFTEN WITH DEBILITATING, INVOLUNTARY DISCHARGES.—The consequence of excesses, mental over-work or indiscretions.

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CIRCUMVENTING PREJUDICE.—There is a story of Judge Grier, which everybody delights in, how he set aside the unjust verdict of a jury against an unpopular man, with this remark: "Enter the verdict, Mr. Clerk. Enter, also 'set aside by the court.' I want it to be understood that it takes thirteen men to steal a man's farm in this court."

A gentleman, in search of a man to do some work, met on his way a lady not as young as she once was, and asked her: "Can you tell me where I can find a man?" "No, I cannot," she replied, "for I have been looking these twenty years for one myself."

The stream of Immigration flows steadily into the State. Those immigrants who have settled here send back good reports and induce others to come. They are sensible enough to perceive the advantages of the country, and know how to make allowances for its want of some of the comforts to which they have been accustomed.

Orders for advertisements, job work, etc., must be accompanied with the cash. No exceptions can be made. Ordinary advertisements \$1 per square of nine printed lines for first insertion; fifty cents each subsequent insertion; weekly, monthly and yearly rates furnished on application.

MAIL ARRANGEMENTS.—The Northern mail opens 6.30 A. M., 3 P. M.; closes 11 A. M., 6 P. M. Charleston opens 8 A. M., 5.30 P. M.; closes 8 A. M., 6 P. M. Western opens 6 A. M., 12.30 P. M.; closes 6, 1.30 P. M. Greenville opens 8.45 P. M.; closes 6 A. M. Wilmington opens 4 P. M.; closes 10.30 A. M. On Sunday open from 2.30 to 3.30 P. M.

PHENIXIANA.—The sweet orb of life—The honeymoon. A highly intelligent dog—The typesetter. A phenomenon of pottery—The ears of a pitcher.

We may mention incidentally that the mouth of the Mississippi is to be improved. It may not be generally understood, yet it is nevertheless true, that at the marriage in St. Petersburg recently, a Guelph took a Roman-off.

The writer who says that rose-bud parties are simply daughtercultural shows, has evidently passed from the bloom of youth into the serene and yellow leaf of bachelorhood.

Olerical neck-ties for the ladies are the latest. They are of white mull, and made exactly like those worn by Episcopal clergymen.

It is very easy to say, take things as they come, but suppose they don't come? An article you can always borrow—Trouble; and never obliged to return it.