Probe the Evil.

We have been very well content with the progress of the committee of the Tax-Payers' Convention in Washington. We knew that they would have to encounter prepossessions against the cause prejudice and misconception would rise before them at every turn. All things considered, they have been favorably received, and the first steps have been sideration of the anomalous state of tuings in South Carolina. Direct and immediate action, in the way of interpo- Traly yours, sition in our affairs, we have never anticipated would be taken. It will be better for us, it will at length give a more satisfactory solution of our difficulties, if time be allowed in which our case shall become adequately appreciated by the people of the country at large, and a matured, wise and lasting conclusion be reached by Congress. It is no holiday Superintendent to say, that on April 25, work. It cannot be finished in a morning. There are facts to be explored, there are frauds to be exposed, there are investigations to be conducted. The organized machinery of a crafty and unscrapulous Government will be brought to bear to bafils every honest effort to right the wrong, and will contend with all the resources of ill-gotten but dearly-loved power to perpetuate it in the unworthy hands where it is now lodged. The more full and complete the inquiry, the more searchingly the probe is applied, the more likely is it free, it will that we shall bring to light, so that strangers and even persons prepossessed against us shall admit them, the enormities and wickedness which, under the name of republican government, have been perpetrated and built up into a system here. It is a matter of congratulation, therefore, that our representatives in Washington have addressed themselves to accomplish the point of having an investigating committee appointed by Congress. In this way, it may become officially and thoroughly instructed in the condition of affairs here. And when that is done, there will none be found so brazen as to uphold the mockery of government we have. It must fall into universal contempt; for it will be found, like

"Vice, a monster of such hideous mien, That to be hated, it needs but to be seen."

Then and Now. It is related by the late Judge O'Neale, that when the Legislature of South Uarolina elected General David R. Williams Governor of South Carolina, a courier was sent on horseback, with despatches to his home in Chesterfield or Darlington, to inform him of his election, and to require his immediate presence in Columbia. The messenger reached the neighborhood of the Governor-elect late in the afternoon, and falling in with a man driving a wagon, asked him the way to General Williams' residence, stating that he was charged with important papers, to be delivered to him at the earliest possible moment. We can imagine the surprise of the courier, upon learning that the driver of the wagon was the man whom he was State House, hitched his horse at the jected to this expense. common rack, and, arrayed in a suit of homespun, presented himself to the Legislature for inauguration as Goregarded as an honored mother, worthy Fraud was not then his chief accomplishment. Now South Carolina has fallen among thieves. Now she is plucked and rained. Now her resources are dried up, her credit gone, her good name tarnished, her people unhappy, outraged and maltreated on all hands Simplicity, honesty, economy and general contentment existed among the people in the time of Williams, who was correspondent of the Boston Post, writ-called under the circumstances we have ing from Columbia, says: "There is no ple in the time of Williams, who was mentioned to the belm of State. What a contrast is here presented to the recklessness, the extravagance, the dishonirs of those whom fate has appointed over the people now, riding in splendid firms the intent to destroy the college; linen!

An Exciring Race.—The match race, mile heats, best three in five, to harness, for \$1,000, between Hickory Jack and Basil Duke, will take place in Augusta, on the 13th. Both horses are great favorites, and an interesting race is anticipated.

The High Shoals Factory Company, Anderso is about to organize.

Southern Baptist Convention meets at Jefferson, Texas, on the 7th of May, Republican papers, known as "official tax payers may afford some further in-and I hereby bespeak your influence in organs." The case was heard and de-getting up excursion tickets at one fare cided at Kingstree, in Williamsburg of the strictly private and personal cha-for delegates and visitors from Atlanta County. The circumstances which gave to Jefferson, good for thirty days. I hope the increased number who will attend the convention will justify the issuing of these round trip tickets, espethey represent, and that the barriers of cially as the arrangement will be generally made known by the press in Geor-gia, Alabama and South Carolina, and also by the pastors of Baptist churches. The railroads in Texas have generously successfully laid of an intelligent con- State to delegates and visitors, and if you can secure the excursion tickets,

doubtless a great many will be induced to go who otherwise would not attend.

W. O. TUGGLE

Correspondence.

ATLANTA, GA , March 31, 1874 W. O. Tuggle, Secretary, LaGrange, a.—Dear Sir: I am this day in receipt of your favor of the 30th, asking that we pass delegates and others desir-ing to be present at the Convention of the Baptist Church, to be held at Jefferson, Texas, on the 7th of May, at one fare, and in reply, I am directed by the we will put on sale at our ticket office, Union Passenger Depot, Atlants, round trip tickets to Texarkana, good to return, if presented before June 10, 1874, at the very low price of \$38.85. These tickets will be sold to all persons desiring to be present at the Convention. It is proper that I call your attention to the important fact, that the completion Texarkana gives this line the shortest and only all-rail route to Jefferson by over 650 miles, as compared with any other rail line. As you state in your letter that the Texas roads have agreed to pass all persons to the convention gates and others desiring to go, to buy the tickets to Texarkana and return. Any information desired as to schedule, &c., will be furnished upon application. If the number justifies it, we can furnish a through coach from Atlanta to Memphis or Little Rock, without

change. Very respectfully, B. W. WRENN, General Passenger & Ticket Agent.

WHAT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY HAS COME TO -TESTIMONY OF THE TRIBUNE -The New York Tribune, which has heretofore followed the Republican party in all its fortunes, except its refusal to sup. tion, port Gen. Grant in the last election, thus speaks of its degeneracy and its impotence for good:

"The party in power has no principles that it has not betrayed; no policy upon which its leaders are agreed; no leaders whose authority is recognized beyond a circle of personal adherents; no cohesion except for the retention of office and power; no title whatever to public paper shall be designated, of any and confidence, except that it flies the flig of a party which once did good sud honest work, and deserved to be trusted. It is as if a fleet that had been equipped in the interest of philanthropy to sweep the slave trade from the seas, after ac-complishing its work, had turned to plundering the innocent and preying upon the commerce of the world. It is the Captain Kidd of modern politics."

A CURIOUS CALCULATION. -The ave rage value of each immigrant arriving in this country has been frequently estimated by writers on political economy, but no two of them agree on this ques-This value varies from \$750, according to the lowest estimate, to about \$1,500 in the highest; but in either case it is evident that in a more restricted material sense, it is cheaper to import our population than it is to prochildren and remained poor might have

Of the 368 Senetors, Representatives vernor. In those days, the State was in 36 fails to remember when and where he was born, and is consequently uncerof earnest devotion and uncalculating from good authority that he was born Twelve States are represented in the brig with the flag of Great Britian, two Senate by Senators born out of the barks with the flag of Great Britian, and State, ten States by only one Senator born within the State, and twelve by Seborn within the Stat

THE SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE. - A doubt that it is the intention of the Radical rule to subsidize the South Ca- in the whole country, and it is noted as rolina College entirely into a school for an exceedingly healthy place. the education of the blacks, and the late nestly acquired wealth and the inscient establishment of a school in the college for a preparatory class for college, which vehicles and clothed in purple and fine and, in my opinion, just as fast us men

Just Decision -Judge Green has LaGrange, Ga., March 30, 1874. rendered a decision which is of great Mr. B. W. Wrenn-Dear Sin; The importance to the Conservative press, and at the same time very damaging to Republican papers, known as "official organs." The case was heard and de-cided at Kingstree, in Williamsburg rise to the case are as follows: Capt. J. E. Scott, the agent of his daughter, Mrs. Wolfe, applied to the Judge of Probate of Williamsburg County, who is the "business manager" and a stock-holder in what is called the "official paper" of the County, for a final dis-charge for the said administratrix. The Judge of Probate told him the usual notice would have to be published in the with the President on Frida "official paper," to which proposition lay before him the deplorable Capt. Scott declined to accede, for the affairs among them, and to ask if any cason that he chose to consult his own aid could be given by the General Gojudgment as to the paper in which he vernment. They were treated by him would publish the notice and pay for it. He consulted and employed S. W. Manrice, Esq , who advised him in the matter, and who also argued the case before Judge Green; who has sustained his view of the law. It will be seen that Judge Green, in his decision, makes a distinction between advertising to be dent. There is no pretence that he empaid for by the public and that to be paid for by the individual. The peo-ple, therefore, under this decision, are at liberty to choose their own paper in which to advertise all matters that are to be paid for with private funds. The following is Judge Green's decision: Mrs. E P. Wolfe, after giving the no tice required by law, in the Kingstree

Star, made her application to the Judge of Probate for her final discharge as ad ministratrix of the estate of Wolfe. Her accounts were found to be of the Texas and Pacific Railroad to correct, but her discharge was refused, upon the ground that the notice had not been given in the official paper of the County, and therefore was void. Mrs. Wolfe appealed to the Circuit Court from that decision, and claimed her discharge. When the matter came before me, upon the very brief reflection I could then give it, my judgment was that the appeal could not be sustained. This conclusion was arrived at mainly upon the words of the second section of the Act of 1870, page 699 of General Statutes, to wit: "And no legal menced; on the 6th, '62, the battle of notice, advertisement or publication required by law to be made public, shall have any valid force or effect unless by the Confederates; on the 9th, '65, published in the newspaper or newspaers designated under this chapter. These words seemed to be general enough to cover this case. I have bad an opportunity of reading carefully the 19th, '65, Gen. Johnson surrendered to whole Act, and I do not now think that it applies to this case. By the first secthe Attorney-General, the Comptroller-General and Secretary of State have authority, conjointly, to designate one or more newspapapers in this State in which all legal notices for the State should be published, and also to designate a proper number of newspapers for the several Counties of this State, "in which all legal notices, advertise-ments or publications for the County or Counties for which respectively each would appear to include all such notices wages. This kind of work, it is unneas have to be given by the County as a corporation or in relation to business connected with the corporation. This in knowing that the rag pickers are not view is strengthened when we consider likely to quit work also. the means adopted in the section for are told, have plenty of stock on band, the suforcement of the Act. First, the notices shall be null and void. Second, sion certainly cannot apply in cases where the advertisement is paid for by the party who gives the notice. The provise of the Act, I think, will afford strong evidence that it was not the intention of the law-making power that the Act should extend to matters not connected with the County as a corpora- Blackwell's Island. They signed a certion. For the above reasons, the appeal in this case is sustained.

who has raised a family of five dog, which showed no symptoms of small amount of the award may have of the machine is, that he has not the JS Land, HW Musten, G&CRR; G to the capital. He went directly to the wants of old age had he not been sub Saturday, when the symptoms became dictory, so alarming that Dr. O'Neil, of No. 460 Of the 368 Senetors, Representatives and Delegates in Congress, nearly a fifth are natives of New England. Just one in the Charlette, Columbia and Augusta Fowler, of Butler County, Pa., who is a The iad lingered for six days, and Legislature on the subject of the repair of the part Hudson street, was called in. He at are natives of New England. Just one died with all the torture incident to that gistration of voters, of proportional repdisease. - New York Tribune, 2d.

Shipping in Pour.-There was United States, one steamship with the the committee of five? ly resembled his father or mother. flag of Spain, eleven barks and one

fore. Aiken is situated in one of the

ARREST OF A DESERTER. -Yesterday were spooney over them. morning, Policeman Blackwelder observed a strange man, whom he charged with being a deserter, and the man thusing a deserter, and the man thusing a deserter, and the man by the American board, only eight have died from violence.

The Lynchburg Virginian says that never since the war has the tide of Northern immigration set so strongly toward Virginia as at present.

"Less cotton and more corn," is the cry of the Georgia papers, and the report of the ports from various portions of the State show that that is the policy the planters are adopting.

Charlotte Stewart, of Beautort, killed her child, last week, by placing it under a trunk, Hannah Fields being accessary to the act.

A lady in Maine boasts of hair seven feet five inches long.

A SENSITIVE GOVERNMENT. - The sccount we print this morning of the interview between the President and the representatives of the South Carolina This body of gentlemen, representing the intelligence and decency of the State, all of them people who have honestly accepted the results of the war, and who are striving with a patience and energy worthy of all praise to save something of their State's existence from the thievish hands which are rapidly destroying it, sought an interview with the President on Friday last, to with gross rudeness and discourtesy, for a reason so trivial that it is almost mere-During the recent session of the Tax-Payers' Convention in South Carolina, an obscure and rattle-brained delegate got the floor, and made a speech personally disrespectful to the Presibodied the views of the convention, or that his harangue met with their approval. But this speech, dexterously thrust into the President's hands by one of the ring politicians, just before the delegation catted upon him, was enough to make him forget his own duty and dignity, and insult an important body of citizens, who were no more responsi ble for it than the President himself.

[New York Tribune.

REMARKABLE EVENTS -April is one of the most eventful months in the history of the late war. On the 17th of this month, 1861, Virginia passed the ordinance of secession; on the 19th, '61, the 6th Massachusetts Regiment was at tacked in Biltimore; on the 12th, '61 Fort Sumter was attacked and surrendered; on the 20th, '61, Norfolk was evacuated by the Federal troops, and the destruction of Gosport Navy Yard attempted, and on the same day Harper's Ferry was evacuated; on the 9th, '61, the blockade of Virginia com-Shiloh was fought; on the 2d, '65, Pe tersburg and Richmond were evacuated the surrender of Gen. Lee; on the 14th, '65, the assassination of Abraham Lin coln, Johnson made President, and an attempt to assassinate Seward; on the Gen. Sherman, and the funeral of Lincola; on the 16th, '65, President Davis were admitted to full membership. was captured; on the 26th, '65, John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Lincoln, was shot and killed.

THE MANUFACTURERS AND THE STRIKES Next to fires, strikes have furnished the There seems no situation discouraging enough to repress the movement. Auy such economical factors as an overstock, dull market, or general inactivity of business, are beneath consideration every character required by law to be The rag cutters, we now see, have made public, shall be published." This struck at Holyoke, Mass., for higher cessary to say, does not require any great skill. There is some consolation great skill. The mills, we and the proprietors can afford, therefore, to comtemplate the demonstration such notices shall not be paid for from the funds of the County. This proviespecially for strikes.

| New York Bulletin.

Expents Mulcred .- Two physicians in New York have been mulcted in \$500 damages for conspiracy in sending the extraordinarily low rate of \$136-Louis Jakob to the insane hospital on \$800 being the original cost. The team tificate that he was insane, but after he different depots. had been detained five days, the physiseeking. He delivered the documents, of fifteen to have cost \$1,000, and that and after examination that night, and hasty preparations for his journey to have reised a family of five.

DEATH FROM HYDROPHORIA—Charles | examination, pronounced min sane, and the money thus expended would have been otherwise saved, we find that the been otherwise saved with the been otherwise cian in charge of the hospital made an

TELL THE TALE! - The committee of resentation, and of the election of Justices of the Peace and Constables by the seriously injured. The train backed service. Fast horses, stolen diamonds in Virginia, but the residents in the and shoddy splendor were not then ne-Charleston harbor on Saturday last, people, were instructed by the Tax- and assistance tendered, but the injured five steamships, two ships, eighteen Payers' Convention "to report, within man said he did not require it. vicinity of his birth-place can give him parks, three brigs and twenty solubly no information as regards his progeniers. Of these, four steamships, two tors. He is one of the few specimens ships, one bark, two brigs and twenty voting." The thirty days expired on held in Columbia, on the 14th instant. of humanity who has not at some period schooners were under the flag of the the 22.1 ult. Where is the report of This association is now firmly estab-

> State.
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> HEALTH OF AIKEN.—Reports origination of the seats upon which one and others are state.
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> Of the seats upon which one and others ing in Florida reflecting upon the health of Aiken, are utterly without foundation. The town is crowded with visiting we are informed that after she had paid Pickens Sentinet.

> > 1,500 quarts of strawberries from Charleston were quartered among New York epicures on Tuesday, and they

of 1,525 foreign missionaries sent out at LyBrand's.

CITY MATTERS.-Subscribe for the PHŒSIX.

The polls will be opened from 6 A. M. to 6 P. M. Mr. Eben Sterhouse is nominated as

Alderman from Ward 3. The weather, Sunday and yesterday,

vas delightful. Cash will be the rule at the PHŒNIX

office hereafter. A misplaced switch causes many a ju-

venile train to run off the track. "Sovereigns of the sidewalk" is the atest organization of idlers.

The rowdy-looking felt hat, mashed out of shape, is no longer the go,

If you are courting a girl, stick to it no matter how big her father's feet are. This is good weather to leave off flannels one day and send for a doctor the

Messrs. R. & W. C. Swaffield's new awning and sign attract general atten-

Three days' registration in Ward 3 resulted as follows: Whites, 104; colored, 250; total, 354.

There are a great many vacant lots in his city which could be improved by the erection of small tenements thereon. The PHENIX job office is complete in every respect, and cards, posters, programmes, bill-heads, etc., are turned out with alacrity.

Governor Moses has appointed Wm. A. Bolt, of Union; H. R. Flanigan, of Fairfield, and R. R. Hemphill, of Abbeville, Trial Justices.

Mons. C. F. Jackson, the leader of low prices, has returned from the Northern cities, where he has been employed for a fortuight in selecting goods.

The necessity for registration seems to have been poorly appreciated by the white voters of the city, while the colored voters, as usual, have registered to their full strength.

Nebuchadnezzer was not the first 'granger." Eve made quite a reputation in the apple business, and broke up A-dam monopoly, and was also the very first to patronize husbandry.

The churches were all crowded, Easter Sanday; and a great many individuals Trinity and St. Peter's were beautifully decked with flowers and evergreens,

A "personal" in the New York Herald says: "Mrs. Dott, formerly of Columbia, S. C., will find it to her advantage to call immediately on Mr. J. Sampson, 413 West Twenty-second street, New York."

A friend has kindly furnished us with a file of the "Southern Chronicle," for 1814, edited by Samuel Weir, Esq. We shall have it properly bound and deposited among the archives of the Phu:-

A file of soldiers brought into town, yesterday, ten men charged with violating the whiskey law. They were lodged in jail, preparatory to being taken to

Yesterday was sale-day, and property went off at a low rate. Mr. Solomon purchased a pair of mules and wagon at will be used for hauling to and from the

Mr. Seegers offers for sale a patent ice machine, which will manufacture 8,000 H F Madden, N J; J P Reed, Conn; W pounds in twenty-four hours—solid ice.

His only reason for wishing to dispose

off the track by the cow-catcher and man said he did not require it.

lished, but a larger membership and a

The Launier Dramatic Company perform in Parker's Hall, this eveningors and the mortality from consumption has been less this season than herete-had the snug sum of \$10 left her.

Border Story, "Buffalo Bill." The company is said to be a good one, and the piece selected introduces a number of genuine Comanche Indians. Red fire, war dances, etc., will electrify the stirring fun the other night, at the ex The Congregationalist states that out audience. Reserved seats can be secured pense of a negro, and was rewarded with

At the quarterly meeting of the Claand, in my opinios, just as inst us men can be obtained, every white professor will be removed from the University; and, indeed, I was told by a colored member of the House, he hoped every white person would be expelled from white person would be expelled from the University; and indeed, I was told by a colored member of the House, he hoped every white person would be expelled from the University; and indeed, I was told by a colored regiment, the 18th Infantry, which is stationed at Columbia. The deserter will be sent back to Columbia. The deserter found.

The cattered remains of Peggy Terrell, of Darlington, who mysteriously pegged out some time since, have been found.

Hayne, Vice-President; W. R. Jones, Charlotte Stewart, of Beaufort, killed Corresponding Secretary; E. Babbitt, Recording Secretary; P. J. Mishaw, Librarian; Thad. Saltus, Treasurer; A. J. Townsend, Recorder; S. W. Cammings, Controller.

PHENIXIANA .- The tongue -- The latchkey that lets out the mind.

Those who have tried it, say that kissing is like a sewing machine, be-

cause it seams good. Those who serve you because they love you, will exact no return; those

who serve you from self-interest, will exact both principal and interest. Men are said to be like bugles-the

more brass they contain, the more noise they make, and the further you can hear then. When a man talks about "knights of the cue," how is one to know whether

he means a billiard-player or a China-Women are slaves, not to men, but to

fashion. Who blames them?

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE. - On Saturday last, the locomotive of the down passenger train over the Greenville and Columbia Railroad jumped the track, and threw the engineer, Mr. J. M. Seigler, between the locomotive and the tender. A stick of wood on the tender was thrown off at the same time, and caught between the two parts of the machinery -acting as a "chock," and enabling Mr. Seigler to withdraw himself, without injury. It was a miraculous preservation, and Mr. S. should hereafter be known as the "praying engineer." The train did not arrive until 6 o'clock, Sunday morning.

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS -The following opinions were filed in the Supreme Court on Saturday:

Daniel Hand, respondent, vs. the Savanuah and Charleston Railroad Com-pany et al., appellants. The appeal dismissed for irregularity, without pre-judice. In the matter of Joseph D. Pope, A. C. Hatkell, F. W. McMaster, L. E. LeConte, W. K. Bachman, L. F, Youmans, order of January 12, 1874. set aside, and the rule and returns remanded to the Judge for such further proceedings as may be regarded proper therein. Both opinious rendered by Chief Justice Moses.

LIST OF NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. G. W. Wagner-Wanted. Meeting Richland Lodge. Central National Bank-City Taxes. Missouri State Lottery. Meeting Palmetto Fire Company Eirle & Lyles-Corn. J. C. Seegers-Ice Machine. Nomination for Alderman. C. F. Jackson-To the Front.

HOTEL ARRIVALS, April 6, 1874. Wheeler House-Mrs Judge Grier, Mrs Wheeler House—Mrs Judga Grier, Mrs Beck, Pa; J L Gunhouse, Chester; N T Stuart, N C; J Fletch, Pa; Mrs Ausman, Atlanta; W P Geiger, Scott Pope, E Hope, J P Southern, C K knowles, city; A A Post, Fork; T W Woodward, Winnsboro; C L B Marsh, Wilmington; E H Barnhart, U S A: F A Buelsman F H Barnhart, U S A; F A Buchanan. Cincinnati; G A Kaminer, Gadsden; J McManus, H H Benner, Chester; Chas Foster, York; J F Bowden, H W Shure, Wilmington; A J Gwyner, N Y; Dr J M Sullivan, Greenville; Mrs Benedict, N Y; A N Talley, C, C & A R R; W T Ed-

munds, Ridgeway.

Hendrix House-J P Hopkins, Cin-Charleston, to stand their trial before cinnati; S Adams, wife and child. Michigan; J N Perkins, Richmond; Mrs. S L Anderson, LaGrange, Ga; D S Williams, Y E Bud, Western Telegraph Company; B Wallace, city; James H McMillin, Spartanburg; G T Willis, Greenville; S B Bookhart, wife and son, Doko; M Mackerel, T L Gladden. Biackstock; J N McDill, Yorkville; J E Bendrix, Hickory, N C; M E Black, Cherokee Springs; M Cooper, St Louis. Columbia Hotel—J Loughan, Ireland;

There should be a statute of limita-A colored man, who was asleep on a tions against these untimely re-appeartrestle near the sixty-six mile turn out ances of husbands. For instance, John three children and a 100 acre farm, well stocked. He was taken prisoner and reported dead. His wife waited seven years, then married, and now John Fowler comes bothering around, demanding his farm. His wife won't recognize him.

An Iowa paper tells of a woman named Mary McCarron, living in Franklin County, in that State, who has been confined to her bed with spinal disease for the last eight years. Her friends recently sent to Bishop McClosky, of New York, for some water from the Virgin Mary's well, in France. An application of the water was made, and it was stated that, within twenty-four hours thereafter, the patient could walk as well as ever.

The perpetration of the joke, which consists in wearing a white sheet and frightening some ignorant person into the belief that you are a ghost, is rapidly ceasing to be amusing. A young man in Carroll County, Ga., tried this soulstab in the abdomen, which proved fatal in a few hours.

A youth who desired to wed the object of his affections, had an interview with her parental ancestor, in which he stated that, although he had no wealth to speak of, yet he was "chock full of day's work." He got the girl.

A Western paper says of the air, in its relations to man: "It kisses and blesses him, but it will not obey him." Blobbs says that that description suits his wife