

The Clanking of the Chimes.

The terrible condition of our people, as revealed in the delinquent tax lists, is attracting fresh attention from our Northern contemporaries. It is easy to make contradictions of statements sent on to Washington, and the counter-memorialists showed themselves adepts in the art.

An examination of the three newspapers revealed a startling exhibit. The unfinished list of delinquent taxpayers for 1873 in Charleston and vicinity filled nineteen columns.

His concluding reflections are as significant as they are just. Such sensible statements, such appropriate comments, such clear anticipations of what must inevitably come, ought to have the effect of arousing the dormant senses of the people of the North.

The carpet-baggers strike all, both great and small. The negro is the muscle of the State. No matter how heavy the burden becomes, his broad shoulders in the end must bear it all.

IMPORTANT, IF TRUE.—If the figures 60 are divided by the cotton crop in millions of bales, the result will give the average price per pound at the nearest market.

A Southern journal tells us that over 140,000 people are without food and shelter in the South, and that the floods have robbed them of all but life.

Informal Registration of Voters.—We will not undertake to argue the importance of suffrage. Its value cannot be overestimated. It is the freeman's strength, as it is his right and privilege.

We are satisfied that the disparity between the colored and white vote in South Carolina is not as great as it was. We are satisfied, again, that influences are at work to detach a portion of the colored vote from the Radical party.

The devastation at Leeds is indescribable. Only three houses on the East side of the river remain in their original positions. The water first struck the Nonotuck silk dam, a solid structure, and ploughed through it as if it had been a bank of sand.

RETURN EMIGRATION.—In a recent article the London Economist calls attention to the startling fact that the re-immigration of British subjects back from America into England increased from 74,527 in the decade 1851-61 to 252,000 in the decade 1861-71.

A young wife once cured her husband of a disposition to absent himself from home at nights by providing him with an excellent dinner, and saying to him afterward: "George, if you find a sweeter spot than our home, describe it to me, and I will rival it, if I die in the attempt."

A correspondent of the New York Herald telegraphs as follows from Northampton: It is impossible to convey the terrific force of the flood except from the effects. Mill River was in many parts a walled stream, but the huge pieces of rock which formed its embankment were completely swept away.

THE PIEDMONT MANUFACTURING COMPANY—A FINE OPPORTUNITY FOR INVESTMENT.—The first annual meeting of the stockholders of this company was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., in this city, in which there was present a full representation of the stock.

The Raleigh News says: Last Thursday evening, between 2 and 3 o'clock, all this part of creation was jarred by a tremendous explosion. There was a general and instinctive exclamation of "Bald Mountain!"

TOSTEE.—A cable despatch announces the death of this charming little opera bouffist, in Paris, a few days ago, from grief. An admirer has furnished the following pretty design for her tomb:

GORED TO DEATH BY A MAD BULL.—On Monday, Captain Jesse Ludham, of Bridgehampton, L. I., while driving in his carriage, was attacked by a mad bull. The horse in trying to escape overturned the carriage, and becoming entangled in the harness, the bull rushed upon the horse and gored him in a terrible manner.

Special Meeting of the City Council.—COLUMBIA, S. C., May 21, 1874. Council met at 8 P. M. Present—His Honor the Mayor, John Alexander, and Aldermen Brown, Carroll, Cooper, Davis, Griffin, Pugh, Simons, Swygert, Thomas and Wells. Absent—Alderman Carr and Purvis.

COINCIDENCE.—It is a little singular that a Russian Duke, the Czar's nephew, and the Governor of an American State, should be arrested in the same week for grand larceny.

DECORATING SOLDIERS' GRAVES.—President Grant approves of the operation of those who were opposed to one another during the late war in the decoration of graves of soldiers who heroically fell on both sides, and that he believes the time has come when every feeling of fraternity should be encouraged, and advantage taken of every opportunity to remove any remaining animosity occasioned by the war.

SOUTH CAROLINA ROGUES.—Some of the official plunderers of South Carolina have been regularly indicted for breach of trust and grand larceny, and if their offences are as flagrant as they have been represented, it should not be difficult to convict them.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, May 21, Judge Bryan presiding.—In the petition of R. B. Cain, to enjoin the tax collector from levying on property of R. B. Cain, bankrupt, an injunction was granted.

CONNECTICUT is in great need of a law to prevent the employment of children in factories. At the immense Baltic mills, late the property of the bankrupt A. & W. Sprague corporation, it is said that children not over four or five years of age are put to work for the benefit of their French-Canadian parents.

THE PHOENIX job office is complete in every respect, and cards, posters, pamphlets, programmes, bill-heads, etc., are turned out with alacrity. Brotherly love is not the only kind they cultivate in Philadelphia.

CITY MESSAGES.—Subscribe for the PHOENIX. Major Everson, of the Columbia Union, returned, yesterday, from a visit to the North. Pat. will serve his friends with fish chowder from 11 to 1 o'clock, to-day, at the Pollock House.

Messrs. Seibels & Ezell have on exhibition in their office a copy of a map showing the extent of the terrible overflow of the Mississippi and its tributaries. The ladies will accept our thanks for cards of admission to the dramatic and musical entertainment, on Monday evening next, for the benefit of the Monumental Association.

J. H. Hendrix has been suspended by the Governor as Auditor of Lexington for cause, and Emanuel Walker designated to act till the meeting of the General Assembly. Messrs. Hoffman & Albrecht have all the vegetables and fruits of the season, and many somewhat ahead, such as cucumbers, squashes, etc. They keep up with the times.

A cow thief, named Will Avery, was arrested, yesterday, by Sergeant Blizard, assisted by Policemen Taylor, Leo and Davis. The cattle were found at Ben. Patrick's butcher pen, in the country. The Greenville and Columbia Railroad will issue tickets to parties wishing to attend the races at Greenville, commencing on Monday, the 25th inst., at half price. See advertisement.

The congregation of the Second Baptist Church will hereafter hold their services at the brick chapel, on Bull street, (formerly Christ Church,) instead of the hall of the Palmetto Fire Company. Sunday School 9 1/2 A. M. Services at 11 A. M. The remains of Corporal Gurtler, of Company B, 18th Infantry, were carried to Florence, yesterday, for interment in the National Cemetery.

There was a tie vote, yesterday, in the Barnwell-Blackville case, before the Board of State Canvassers. The entire day was taken up in reading the returns of the Board of County Canvassers. They meet again this morning. THE ENTERTAINMENT MONDAY EVENING.—The following is the programme of the theatrical and musical entertainment, to be given at Parker's Hall, on Monday evening, May 25, for the benefit of the Monumental Association: Music by orchestra.

DAY AFTER THE WEDDING.—Characters represented: Col. Free love, Lord Rivers, James, groom, Lady Elizabeth, Mrs. Davis. Song—"Nightingale's Trill." THE DUMB BELL.—Characters: Mr. Mauvers, Capt. Vivian, O. Smurk, James, Eliza, niece of Mr. Mauvers, Mary, maid, Miss Rivers. Refreshments will be served between and after the plays. Doors open at 7 1/2; performance commences at 8 o'clock. Price of admission fifty cents.

Mr. S.—I say, Mr. J., what did you pay for that fine imported Havana? Mr. J.—Why, only ten cents, at the California Cigar Store, next to the Wheeler House.

Mr. S.—You don't say so. Well, I will have to go there at once and buy some, for I have been paying fifteen cents. COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, May 22.—The jury could not agree in case of Levi Dent against F. Schmidt and were discharged.

Charles Soot & Co. against Wm. E. E. Rose. Verdict for plaintiff. C. J. Stolbrand against S. L. Hoge. Case withdrawn. Joe Jenkins against South Carolina Railroad Company. Continued. South Carolina Bank and Trust Company against F. Schmidt. Verdict for plaintiff.

Two cases of F. Schmidt against J. H. Hauke are to be submitted to the court on matters of law. Appeal docket. W. S. Pope & Bro. against Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company. Verdict for plaintiffs. Charles Hamberg against Monteith & Bauskett. Jury failing to agree at hour of adjournment, a sealed verdict was ordered.

Wm. Glaze against L. C. Carpenter. Verdict for plaintiff. H. C. Leebelt against F. Schmidt. Verdict for plaintiff. J. O. Ladd against F. Schmidt. Verdict for plaintiff. Calendar No. 2 was called and Court adjourned until 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Mr. B.—Mr. M., did you ever try any of the California Cigar Store five cent Partagas? Mr. M.—Why, of course I have; I smoke nothing else. They are better than any ten cent cigar I can get elsewhere.

LIST OF NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. J. F. Taylor—Iron Works. Oliver Titson & Co.—Music. Thom. Dodamead—Tickets to Races.