

Prosperity in the Upper Country—Its Duty to the State.

Amongst the many gratifying signs of improvement in our up-country, we notice that in Greenville, companies are getting up estimates as to gas works, a street railroad and water works, with a view of carrying out these enterprises in that city.

In Anderson, quantities of lumber may be seen passing through the streets every day, bound for sites whereon fine new residences are to be erected. Major Humphreys, of that place, has this season raised seventy-nine bushels of choice wheat on three acres of land, and forty-five bushels of oats on less than a half acre of land.

Efforts are being made to endow a professorship in the Newberry (Lutheran) College at Walhalla, to be named for the distinguished and excellent Dr. Bachman.

A large body of Canadians are making arrangements to settle in Chester County.

Interest in education is growing in all this fine section. The commencements and examinations recently held of Furman and Wofford Universities, of the Newberry College, and of the High School and Female College at Greenville, have been well attended. Col. Dodson thoughtfully extended the privilege to visitors to these several institutions of learning of paying fare one way and returning free within certain dates. The commencement exercises of Williamston Female College and of Erskine College, Due West, are to take place next week.

We look to this beautiful Piedmont region with great interest and hope. It escaped many of the horrors of war. It was not swept by the incendiary fires of Sherman. It is peopled principally by intelligent white men, who are not afraid of work, and who appreciate the blessings of civilization. It is especially favored in its braising and healthy climate. It should exert, as it is capable of doing, a decided reformatory and healthful influence in our State affairs. Let it send its best men in intelligence, character, honesty and boldness into the public councils. It is inconsiderable how much positive good, how much prevention of harm, could be effected in the Legislature, for instance, by men with determined, resolute wills and just opinions, and who rightly appreciate the situation of things. Not a few of the evils which afflict the State to-day, and much of the disgrace which rests upon its name, might have been prevented had we had real substantial men in the places of some, who, not themselves corrupt, were yet mere tools and noses of wax in the hands of corrupt villains. We want no more pliable, neutrals and independents, so-called, in places of responsibility and trust. The times, the emergencies which are before us, demand a different order of men to meet them. We trust that we shall see in the next Legislature a full contingent of such superior men from our up-country Counties.

"If it should be, then the foxes that have holes, and the birds that have nests, had better hunt them up at once, without waiting for the thunder-bolt and the storm. For this State will be like a tall pine tree, shaken by a great wind, with the red lightning coiling around its heart and rending it asunder; while the Republican star of victory will go out in darkness and defeat, and the places that knew us will know us no more forever."—Union-Herald.

Bully! Foxes, birds, tall pines, the Republican star of victory, and the places, the dear comfortable places, that now know "us"—must stand from under, or be incontinentally smashed. "Blow, wind, and crack your cheeks ragel blow! You extract and hurricanoous, spout!"

If night, and storm, and darkness, which are "wondrous strong," will but just do this thing, this "rendering asunder," and "coiling around," &c., then will they, indeed, be "lovely in their strength, as is the light of a dark eye in woman."

Reform we must have, shall have, in our own lines and in our own way. [Union-Herald.]

The same old taking way?

SOUTH CAROLINA.—The New York World, speaking of the South Carolina "Conservatives," says: Their only course is to make their own platform, which should be simply "opposition to Radical corruption," place some able, earnest and liberal-minded man like Col. Lathers at the head of their ticket, and go boldly into the fight. If they should not win a victory in this way, they will certainly conquer concessions, and these they most assuredly will not get either directly or indirectly by any so-called Republican reform movement.

Only Party, and Nothing More.

What does the Union-Herald mean when it speaks of the opposition in this State as not different from a political opposition in any other State? The Union-Herald treats everything from a purely party stand-point, but even the fervor of party zeal should have its limits. It is not the fact that there is any regularly organized political opposition contesting the nominations, appointments or elections in this State. The platform upon which those who have opposed the downward tendency of things here for the last four or five years has been simply the platform of decent, honest and economical government. No Democrat, no Conservative, as such, has been run for office. When Judge Carpenter and General Butler were presented for the suffrages of the people, it was surely not as Democrats put forth by a Democratic party. Those who bolted from the regular Radical party at the last nomination and tried to get in candidates of a better type in character, were, to some extent, supported by Democrats, but because regarded as better men. In all the length and breadth of this State there has appeared no party movement which should give the Radicals any uneasiness. The cry is simply for a government that men can live under without forfeiting self-respect—for a government not represented by fellows only fit for a penitentiary. That is all. We know you have a settled majority. We merely ask you to wield it in the interests of the whole people. You would show some sense, it is true, and give an earnest of sincerity, if you could get out of your narrow confines of party ideas and party purposes.

The 1st of July is the semi-annual dividend day, when millions of dollars will be paid in interest. The New York Express says that with so much capital scattered all over the country, and interest so low on all money put on call, with the grain crops full of promise, the cotton crop to be, in all probability, far more than was anticipated six weeks since, there is every reason to hope for a better state of business in the coming autumn than the country has enjoyed for any season for two years past.

LIBERIA.—It is unfortunate for Rev. Mr. Blyden, that just as he began tooting his horn in praise of Liberia, and urging negroes to go there, squads of disgusted black people should be returning to this country and blabbing out the truth. Here is the latest experience:

The Hawkinsville Despatch says four negroes who left that place in November, 1872, for Liberia, returned last Monday night, completely cured by their experience of life in that African republic. It adds that old Joe Burch's wife, the enthusiastic negress, who, a short while before she left for Liberia, jumped up and clapped her hands together, and thanked her God that she was going where there was no poor white trash, is now very anxious to get back, and has sent letters here begging the white people to help her return. She is now working for \$2 a month.

"Old Joe Burch's wife" may as well remain. In case the white people sent her money to get back, she would pretty soon abuse them as much as ever.

A London letter thus gossips about the Queen: "Her Majesty is now in the midst of her faithful Highlanders, and enjoying herself in her own way. As soon as she got to Balmoral she attended the funeral of one of her own ghillies, going to the house of the deceased and laying a wreath of flowers on the coffin at the end of the service. A few nights after there was a servants' ball at the castle, and in the course of the evening the Queen not only countenanced the proceedings by her presence, but took part in the dancing. She danced with Prince Albert Victor and Prince George, sons of the Prince of Wales, and afterwards took part in a reel with John Brown, her attendant, and Donald Stewart, game-keeper. It is easy to understand what a relief this must have been after the severe etiquette of an Imperial reception. This is the first time that the Queen has danced since the death of the Prince Consort. I leave you to imagine the state of mind of society on the arrival of this interesting piece of news, and all the comments, rumors and conjectures to which it has given rise. Except at Balmoral her Majesty never attends a ball or even a concert."

THE NEW ORDER OF THINGS.—On the 30th inst., the law class in the South Carolina University will receive the degree of LL. B. The class is composed of Niles G. Parker, white, and C. L. Anderson and Edgar C. Gays, color unknown; W. R. Jones, colored, and C. W. Comings, white. There will be the usual public exercises, in which the class will be represented by ex-State Treasurer Parker, essayist, and C. L. Anderson as orator. As an essayist, the ex-Treasurer ought to be a success, considering the fact that he once essayed to run the State finances, and succeeded to the extent of running them into the ground. [Charleston News and Courier.]

THE BANK OF THE STATE.—The special committee appointed by the Tax-Payers' Convention to investigate the condition and management of the assets of the Bank of the State, have made a lengthy report on the subject. With reference to the assets, they say: The list of assets turned over by Mr. Gayer to the Clerk of the Court on 27th January, 1874, appended to his account as receiver, contains the most definite and succinct statement; and in the absence of all information from the present receiver as to changes which have been made since, furnishes the data from which to form a judgment as to the nature and character of the investments and loans.

The entire assets in this list are estimated at \$809,170 20. Made up as follows: Sterling bonds of South Carolina Railroad Company in hands of Baring Bros. & Co., £31,850—\$145,541 76, and with interest estimated at 166,133 76; sundry bonds, coupons, stocks and shares 183,661 20; bills of Bank of the State \$1,964 44; currency 7,107 19; coin 662 89; coupon bonds, rents, &c. 2,308 92; amount due by individuals and corporations 407,331 82; making a total of 809,170 20. Of this amount—407,331 82—there was due for purchase money of real estate, sold by the receiver and secured by mortgage of the property 12,388 22. Leaving the amount of loans made from the fund \$394,993 98.

It will assist in the examination, and facilitate the formation of a judgment as to the nature and character of the loans, to classify them, according to the securities upon which they were made:

FIRST.—Secured by Mortgage of Real Estate.—To A. D. Frederick, principal and interest \$2,622 30; to F. J. Moses, Jr., principal and interest 12,021 69; to Wm. Whaley, principal and interest 18,179 47; to T. C. Andrews, (two loans,) principal and interest 7,784 55; to J. F. Mathews, (two loans,) principal and interest 15,175 16; to J. O. Carpenter, principal and interest 8,583 01; to Jacob Williman, principal and interest 2,565 52; to Frederick Richards, principal and interest 5,087 50—\$72,019 20.

SECOND.—Secured by Warrants on the State Treasury and Claims on the County.—To F. J. Moses, Jr., principal and interest \$7,270 51; to A. O. Richmond, principal and interest 3,249 60; to Jacob Williman, principal and interest 1,611 05; to C. O. Bowen, principal and interest 6,073 67—\$17,104 83.

THIRD.—Secured by Mortgage of Property of Marine and Phosphate Mining and Manufacturing Company.—To D. T. Corbin, President, principal and interest 21,183 32.

FOURTH.—Secured by various collaterals.—To J. B. Campbell—secured by stock and eight per cent. second mortgage bonds of the Savannah and Charleston Railroad, and the pledge of \$10,000 of his fees as solicitor in the cause \$83,209 87. To Wm. Whaley—secured by endorsement of J. F. Mathews and "certain collaterals of the estate of Jos. Whaley," and "past due notes endorsed by Jos. Whaley, upon which notice or demand has been admitted and are a statutory lien on said estate" \$43,846 91. To Savannah and Charleston Railroad Company—secured by first mortgage seven per cent. bonds \$21,495 90. To Jas. Graham—secured by second mortgage eight per cent. bonds of Savannah and Charleston Railroad and bills of Bank of the State \$34,375. To Jos. Crews—secured by stocks, bonds and coupons of the Blue Ridge Railroad and of the Greenville and Columbia Railroad, coupons of the Laurens Railroad and bills of the Bank of the State \$26,930 63. To J. L. Neagle—secured by Columbia bridge stock \$10,489 65. To Hardy Solomon—secured by stock of Loan and Trust Company of Columbia \$19,603 54. To Wm. Garney—secured by his note as County Treasurer \$10,777 77. To J. D. Ford—secured by bills of the Bank of the State and life insurance policy \$4,532 20. To C. Inglesby—secured by life insurance policy \$364 55—\$284,626 14. Total amount loaned under orders of court \$394,993 49.

THE HAPPY PAIR.—Mrs. Sartoris never left her state room but once on the passage. She came on deck for a few minutes one morning, in a blue wrapper and white shawl, but before it was well known she was out she had disappeared again. Mr. Sartoris did not share this seclusion, but was around most all the time. He said his wife was "not sea-sick, but homesick." Poor Nellie; we could all of us understand that she might be, for of all the dull youths who part their hair in the middle, (and its your dull youth who always does that,) Mr. Argonson Frederick, and the rest of it Sartoris is the dullest. While we waited our turn at the dock in Liverpool, he, with some others, went ashore and bought mutton pies; so that the first really good view of Nellie Grant we had after she came aboard was standing resting on her husband's fat arm, her eyes full of trusting affection, her heart full of coquettish love and her mouth full of Liverpool mutton pie. I'm blessed if the scene isn't democratic, whatever the political creed of the pair may be, and heroic also. The woman who will boldly face a critical boat's crew with a pie in her hand, cares little for general effect, but the woman who will, publicly or privately, bolt a Liverpool dock mutton pie, has a soul and a stomach removed from fear, as well as an appetite fit for Chinese strategy or Fiji Island spoils. [Cor. St. Louis Republican.]

Mrs. J. B. Carron, of Toledo, Ohio, is the first lady railroad superintendent, filling that position on the Toledo, Wabash and Western Railroad.

A San Francisco woman, who stepped upon a treacherous pea-pod which some one had thrown on the sidewalk, is thus described: "She kicked with both feet as high as a ballet star, gave the peculiar, shrill, feminine scream, sat down, said, 'Oh, my,' smoothed down her disordered attire, looked round wildly, rose quickly, shook herself to see if anything was loose, gave a withering glance at the place where she had fallen, and, with all the spare blood she had in her face, went on with her shopping."

LAURENS RAILROAD.—The Herald learns by a letter from Charleston that the sale of the Laurens Railroad had been confirmed by the United States Court; that the work of rebuilding the road will commence at once, and one-fourth the money subscribed would be called for on the 20th of July, another on the 20th August and another 20th September. This begins to sound like business. It is said to be the intention of the present owners of the road to put it in running order by early fall.

A New Yorker tells of some nice grass for front yards. He says: "Couch, or kutch, grass takes possession of the superficial stratum and overlastingly splices and plats its roots into indestructible sinnets. It cannot be rooted out in India and Persia, where every blade is scorched by the blazing sun and hot winds of the dry season. Horses and cattle are fed on the succulent roots. One rain shower covers the arid, baked, fissured plains with emerald verdure."

YOUR BULL AND MY OX.—When Ben. Butler denounced Southern men, every Radical at the North thought it a good thing. But when he abused Northern Radicals, the other day, the New York Tribune comes to the charge and says Ben.'s speech, "for black-guardism and falsehood, coarseness and brutality, was never equalled in any assembly calling itself reputable or decent."

Slightly sarcastic was the clergyman who paused and addressed a man coming into church after the sermon had begun, with the remark: "Glad to see you, sir, come in; always glad to see those here late who can't come early;" and decidedly self-possessed was the man thus addressed, in the presence of an astonished congregation, as he responded: "Thank you; would you favor me with the text?"

A remarkable instance of family rotation in office exists in the selection of Consul to Falmouth, England. President Washington appointed as our first consular representative at the place a Mr. Fox, who held the office many years. He was succeeded by his son, who recently gave up the position, and last week, Howard Fox, his son, was nominated to succeed his father.

The declaration of the Rev. Mr. West, that the crimes of Cincinnati have well nigh made Sodom and Gomorrah respectable, is going the rounds of the newspapers. But it is to be regretted that there was one incident in the history of Sodom and Gomorrah that has not yet happened in that of Cincinnati.

The mansion in which the Nathan murder was committed is doomed. No one has offered to rent or purchase it, though it could have been obtained at a vast reduction, owing to the tragedy enacted in it. It is now being pulled down level with the dust, and a new mansion, where no ghost of murder stalks, is to be built upon the site.

Probably the coolest proposition ever made was that proposed by Mr. G. F. Hoar the day before Congress adjourned, to appropriate \$7,000 to reimburse Gen. O. O. Howard for the expenses of his defence before the late court of inquiry. Gen. Howard ought certainly to be willing to pay for the whitewash used on the occasion.

CASE OF SUPPOSED POISONING.—A little daughter of ex-Mayor Clark, of Charleston, was taken suddenly ill, on Monday, with convulsions, and continued sick until Wednesday, when she died. It is supposed that she was poisoned by eating flakes of paint, containing Paris green, picked from the furniture in the house.

In consequence of a fatal epidemic among chickens in Minnesota, ministers are receiving donations nearly every hour of the day. This is a beautiful and affecting fact, and reminds us that no pastor can have a successful ministry who does not enjoy the affections of his congregation.

SMOKE-FINS IN YOUR PIPES.—Agents of our machine companies are afraid to meet the light running and favorite Wilson shuttle sewing machine in open and fair competition, and will use every subterfuge to keep you from seeing and trying it. Give us a dip, Sander. \$20 saved is \$40 made.

TILDEN.—Rev. Dr. Bacon has been pouring such hot shot into Theodore Tilton about his refusal to tell what he knows concerning the Beecher scandal, that the poor wretch squeals out his intention to make a clean breast of the matter.

EUROPEAN TRAVEL.—Travel in Italy is said to be rather annoying and perilous. The conductors of railway trains rob the tourist's trunk, and the brigands have broken out in a fresh place.

The official count of the vote for Congressmen in Oregon is: Laddow (Dem.) 9,642; Williams (Rep.) 9,340; Davenport (Lu.) 6,350.

A medical school for colored students has been opened in New Orleans.

The Rhode Island Assembly adjourned to January without electing a Senator.

Tom Scott says he himself lost \$3,000,000 by the panic.

CITY MATTERS.—Subscribe for the PHOENIX.

Rubber jewelry is again fashionable. Trifles lighter than straw are levers in building up the character. The conjunctive mood for the week—thoughts of matrimony.

Cantaloupes, peaches, etc., at Messrs. Hoffman & Albrecht's.

The contented man is never poor, the discontented never rich.

F. W. Fickling, Esq., the eminent lawyer, has returned to Columbia, thoroughly recuperated.

Ice machines are being run successfully in Columbia, Charlotte and Augusta.

Gov. Moses has given official notification of his intention to run for the gubernatorial chair.

Quills are the things that are sometimes taken from pinions of one goose to spread the opinions of another.

H. G. Stevenson, Esq., of the Louisville Courier-Journal, arrived in the city, yesterday. He is on a tour of observation through the South.

It is understood that the Supreme Court will meet to-day, and render a decision on the issuing of the certificates of indebtedness.

A much-needed rain, last night, had the effect of cooling the heated atmosphere, and at the same time laying the dust and benefitting the crops.

"And he parted his hair in the middle and played like a fiend on the fiddle," is a popular midnight refrain.

A fish five inches long, with four fully developed legs, passed through the water pipes, yesterday, and is to be seen in a tank at Brookbanks'.

If it be so that death loves a shining mark, there are yet some noses in town that are in great danger of being struck.

Don't talk any more about oration such hot weather as this. Let it be ice-cream or nothing. McKenzie will furnish it.

If every lady in the land had a pair of pretty little feet, we would wagar a "blue-eyed kies" that a long dress would not be seen in a day's journey.

Mr. McKenzie has a preparation which gratifies the palates of all who have tried it—coffee soda water. It is prepared from pure Java coffee, and is very refreshing.

Mr. Eddie Orchard, of this city, is exhibiting his skill in chess by several very successful games in Charleston. At last accounts, he was several games ahead of his competitor, Mr. Ottolengui.

Never marry for wealth, but remember that it is just as easy to love a girl who has a brick house, with a Mansard roof and silver plated door-bell, as one who hasn't anything but an Auburn head and an amiable disposition.

Lives there a man, with nose so red, who never to himself hath said, "I'll pay before I go to bed, the debt I owe the printer?" Yes, there are some I know full well, but they, I fear, will go to—well, the place where there's no winter.

There is nothing so tends to shorten the lives of old people and to injure their health as the practice of sitting up late—especially where there's grown up daughters in the family. We publish this item at the request of several young men.

A JOLLY TRIP.—A delegation—sixty in number—of merchants and representative men of Charlotte passed through Columbia, yesterday, on their return from an excursion to the principal sea-port of the old North State—Wilmington—where they were entertained by the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Jones, of the Charlotte Observer, who was one of the party, informs us that they had a delightful time—oysters, crabs, fish and other edibles, surf-bathing, boating, etc. They went and returned on a special train—stopping over in Columbia six hours on their way home. The run from Wilmington to Columbia—about 190 miles—was made in the extraordinary time of eight hours.

MILITARY PIONIER.—Col. C. S. Minor, of the "15th Regiment N. G. S. C.," has issued the following pronouncemental invitation:

"A grand picnic will be given on the 4th of July, by the 16th Regiment, on Lexington heights. The citizens of Columbia and the adjacent country are cordially invited. The ladies are especially solicited to attend, and bring their baskets. Wagons will be in attendance at the State House for the accommodation of ladies. Dr. Neagle has kindly and patriotically tendered the free use of his bridge on that day to all visitors. We also cheerfully invite the officers and members of the 2d Regiment, Col. Simons commanding. The Declaration of Independence will be read, and addresses suitable to the occasion will be delivered by prominent gentlemen."

BACK AGAIN.—We have been pleased to meet again, restored to health and usefulness, after protracted and severe illness, our veteran friend F. W. Fickling, Esq. Mr. Fickling has been absent for several months in Florida, where he gathered back some of the strength, if not the bloom of his youth. We cordially welcome him home and to those labors of the legal counsellor and advocate for which he is so admirably qualified.

Leroy F. Youmans, Esq., has for some weeks been confined to his lodgings with acute rheumatism. We are gratified that this remorseless foe has released its grip upon his robust frame, and that he is again at the post of professional duty, ready and capable to serve his friends and the public.

MAIL ARRANGEMENTS.—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 6.45 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.

Judge Cooke has sustained the recent decision of Judge Green, to the effect that legal notices and advertisements paid for from private funds may be published in any paper selected by the person advertising, notwithstanding such paper may not be one designated as an "official" paper by the State authorities. "Official" papers apply only to such advertisements as are paid for from State and County funds. Lawyers may, therefore, order all estate notices, referee sales and sheriff sales to be published in this paper, should they prefer it.

LIST OF NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Meeting Typographical Union. F. W. Fickling—Law Card. C. Bouknight—Payment Coupons.

HOTEL ARRIVALS, June 26, 1874.—Columbia Hotel—G E Reab, Ga; J S Land, G & C R R; T H Means, N C; D M Renno, R & G R R; O B Northrop, H Northrop, Charleston; J G M Cordon, Md; J W O'Brien, Charleston; J C Long, W M Sprinkle, E Glasses, N C; J S Green, city; C P Gardner, Spartanburg.

Hendrix House—J G Hillin, Charleston; J A Mitchell, Ky; Jas D Meyer, Charleston; C O King, Mo; A L Whitman, Newberry; D L Glenn, Alston; W W Phillips, Sumter; D J Winn, S C; D Goodub, Ky; E H Levy and lady, Ia; Mrs G E Hames, Little Rock; Mrs J H McCaw, Miss Emma McCaw, Darlington; Rev G Griffiths, Aiken; R H Fennel, Chester; W H Fleniken, Mrs D S Brice, Winnsboro; S O Lindsay, Due West; G W Steffins, Charleston; G A Hough, Orangeburg; Lewis Jones, Mrs L Jones, Edgefield; J H Lewie, Gilbert Hollow.

Wheeler House—Jos Jenkins, Augusta; Lyman Malbury, New York; Hyder Patterson, Rock Hill; J A Turrentine, Master Turrentine, A Pope, Wilmington; A F Sampson, S C; Miss M L Barkley, Miss H E Woodruff, Miss M J Woodruff, J Woodruff, Charleston; C Gibbins, Newark; Mrs B L Lyles, Mrs Nancy Hays, Louisiana; W Bready, Darlington; Eugene St Amand, Charleston; John F Alvey, Baltimore; T W Woodward, Winnsboro; W W Wannamaker, St Matthews; H G Stevenson, Louisville; A T Gwynn, New York, L A Eash, Newberry; L J Breeden, W H Sage, Bennettsville; Judge T H Cooke, Greenville.

HOW SOME YOUNG LADIES AMUSE THEMSELVES.—"His body will be preserved on ice till his friends arrive." What a ghastly realism there is in the sound! And yet it is the last sentence of a love story—one of those love stories that only become known to the world through the intervention of that grim functionary, the coroner, the Rhadamantus of our modern life. Wiley was from Boston and lived in San Francisco, and he loved very desperately, it seems, a certain Miss Jennie Short. They were engaged to be married, and Wiley had in his eyes the golden marriage of a happy future with the woman he adored. But, to use Miss Jennie's own phrase, "the charm had passed with her." She had got over it. It was "a youthful folly indulged in to pass away the time pleasantly enough, and that, she thought, should be the end of it; and all this she wrote to her heart-broken lover in what she calls "plain English." Her letter to that effect that she did not love him and would not marry him was written on June 4. On June 7, he made an excursion with a friend to visit some ladies who lived near her, but they did not see her; so the last hope that was covered by that thin pretext failed, and on the 10th of June somebody went up to Wiley's room and found him quiescent from an overdose of laudanum; and now Miss Jennie Short's jilted lover is "on ice."

Prince Arthur took the oath and his seat in the House of Lords as Duke of Connaught on the 8th inst. He was introduced by the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Edinburgh, and the ceremony was witnessed by the Dauchess of Edinburgh and the Marchioness of Lorne. The Deputy Great Chamberlain, the Hereditary Earl Marshal, Garter King-at-arms and Black Rod, wearing their state robes, were in attendance on the occasion.