

We alluded two days ago to the importance of the State Board of Equalization, and to the neglect heretofore of the State authorities to take the necessary steps to have the law constituting it properly carried out.

But where is the warrant for the assertion that the State (Radical) Convention has any right to make a nomination for this office? They have no such right; there is no Act of the General Assembly which confers it, even by implication.

A writer of a communication in another place, takes a favorable view of the purposes and intention of the committee, and to this, of course, we can have no objections.

Trade Use of the Religious Press.

The trustee in bankruptcy of the estate of Jay Cooke & Co. will apply to the United States Court in the District of New York to set aside a contract made by that firm with Bowen, the publisher and proprietor of the Independent, in Brooklyn.

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material views of life and its ends. We wonder if those who are making these observations ever consider seriously whether the rapid decline of faith is not due, in a far larger degree, to the open connection of religion with trade, and to the extent to which the religious world counives at the use of religious phraseology to give a sort of theatrical decency to base and vulgar lives.

CONSERVATIVE HEADQUARTERS.

COLUMBIA, S. C., October 19, 1874. County assessments, to aid in defraying the expenses of the canvassers of the Independent Republicans, should be forwarded by express, and not by mail.

FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES.

A correspondent of the New York Herald, writing from New Orleans under date of October 15 says: An agent of all the European holders of Southern State bonds has arrived here, and from him I learn that the foreign creditors of these States have over \$200,000,000 in bonds, which he is authorized to settle.

The amounts already settled are: Virginia, \$34,000,000; South Carolina, about \$10,000,000; North Carolina, \$20,000,000; Arkansas, about \$3,500,000; Alabama, \$8,000,000.

THE LANDAULET BUSINESS.—When Attorney-General Williams gave up the famous landaulet which brought his overweening ambition to grief, it was supposed that in due course of time all other Government officials who were sporting handsome equipages at the public expense would follow his example.

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NEW YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE.

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FATAL HOMICIDE.—On Wednesday afternoon last a difficulty occurred about four miles above this town, near the Spartanburg road, between W. H. Koon and John Hawkins, about the division of the crop they had jointly worked, in which Koon was killed with a stone thrown by Hawkins.

Mr. Josiah Turner, Sr., the father of the editor of the Raleigh Sentinel, died on Thursday, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Susan Mabane, in the ninety-second year of his age.

A Movement in the Right Direction.—Mr. Editor: It is so seldom that our people are able to comment sincerely on the Radical party in this State, that they should be ready to acknowledge, at any time, any evidence which they may see of a desire on their part to give fair play to the tax-payers and property-holders of the State.

It appears that these nominations were wholly overlooked by the State Convention of both parties, and no nominations were made. Hence, it became the duty of the State Executive Committee to supply the omission.

Good laws are, however, powerless unless they are properly administered by competent and faithful hands, and this board has hitherto been of little, if any, value to the tax-payers of our State.

ONE WHO IS INTERESTED.—The arrest of Tom Ballard, the notorious counterfeiter, has resulted in a singular offer. The man who is most expert at forging paper money, now proposes to show the Government processes by which successful counterfeiting will be made impossible.

SMALL INVESTMENTS AND LARGE GAINS.—Luck, pluck and a judicious selection of coupons in the Fifth Gift Concert are the remedies for the hard times, so far at least as small capitalists are concerned; men who have some ready-money, all of which they don't wish to risk just now in the vicissitudes of business and the turn of the commercial lottery-wheel, when a very small percentage invested in the Fifth Gift Concert may bring a large sum.

MURDER.—At about 9 o'clock last evening, a colored man, named Chubb Reed, was murdered on the premises of Mr. Connelly, in Warren street. No clue has as yet been found as to who perpetrated the deed.

BURNED.—Mr. G. S. Hookey received intelligence, Friday, that the dwelling house and other buildings, on his place, at Laurel Grove, Florida, were destroyed by fire Saturday night of week before last.

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WHITE HOUSE FOR RENT.—At an early hour, a queerly attired individual was seen perambulating the avenue in the vicinity of the White House, having, evidently, something on his mind. After meditating a few moments he turned in at the main entrance and walked up to the front portico.

FOUND DEAD.—Mrs. Margeret McEvoy was found dead on Friday, on Arnold's farm, on the King street road. The verdict of the coroner's jury was that the deceased came to her death from intermittent fever.

THE MISSING MAN.—The disappearance of Mr. S. Sauter, of Augusta, is still wrapped in mystery. We heard, yesterday, that his pistol had been found on the river bank, near Warren's Spring.

KU KLUX.—The Attorney-General to-day gave out a despatch announcing the arrest of forty-two additional persons in Alabama on the charge of committing Ku Klux outrages.

"Never bet on a horse-race, my son. It is wrong to bet, and besides the horse that ought to win is likely, in nine out of ten cases, to be jockeyed to the rear. Do not bet at all, my son; but if you bet on the horses, get acquainted with the riders before the contest, and see how the thing is coming out."

MEAN REVENGE.—A dastardly act was perpetrated at George's Station, on Saturday night, by which Mr. George Bell, of that place, lost his horse. He hitched his animal for a few minutes to step into a store, and while absent some miscreant cut his throat.

It's of no use to try to get the capital away from Washington if Washington is the kind of a town "Olivia" says it is. Hear her: "It is the great, throbbing heart of a republic, whose right hand grasps the beard of the stormy Atlantic, whilst the left is held out for the Pacific to kiss."

The New York Tribune says that the election results in the North-west have made Tilden, the Democratic candidate for Governor of the Empire State, "10,000 votes stronger" than he was before, and that "politicians may as well take the fact in all their future calculations."

The detectives in Washington have arrested a gang of thieves who have for some time been stealing books from the committee rooms at the Capitol, and selling them for old paper. Many valuable volumes have been stolen and sold to the junk shops.

LOUISIANA.—The voice of Ohio and the voice of Indiana, in the late elections, are a protest against the continuance of the Louisiana usurpation. The mooping owls of Congress can no longer blink the question.

Calcutta advices report that a terrible cyclone has been experienced in the Presidency of Bengal, causing great destruction of shipping, dwellings, crops and property generally. Great loss of life is also reported.

The New York Sun says that there are fifty thousand working-men out of employment in that city.

CITY MATTERS.—Subscribe for the Phoenix—don't borrow.

To cure dull times—apply an advertisement to the afflicted part. To lie about a man never hurts him, but to tell the truth about him sometimes does.

Transient advertisements and notices must be paid for in advance. This rule will be adhered to hereafter.

The Governor has appointed George R. Dunbar Trial Justice of Barwell, vice C. H. Brown, removed.

Job printing of every kind, from a miniature visiting card to a four-sheet poster, turned out, at short notice, from PHOENIX office. Try us.

We are in receipt of the Galaxy for November. Published at 677 Broadway, New York, by Sheldon & Co., at \$4 per annum.

The Rialaud Rifle Club appear in their new uniforms, this evening, for drill, for Thompson's green. There will, doubtless, be a large number of lookers-on.

Attention is directed to the card of George W. Williams & Co., of Charleston, which is of interest to dealers in coffee. This enterprising firm is in receipt of a large quantity of the berries.

To-morrow, the 21st, is the day for Old John Robinson's big show to make its appearance in Columbia. This establishment is the biggest on the road, and it needs no word from us to ensure a crowded canvas.

We learn that the opposing Congressional candidates from Charleston had a set-to at Manning, a few days ago—the lie having passed, when in sporting parlance, first knock-down was credited.

Wilson Cook, in a card in the Greenville News, utterly repudiates the card published in the Union-Herald, and attributed to him. He believes that the Democrats are working for the interests of the people as well as the Republican party.

About this time the young man unpacks his winter overcoat, spreads it out on the bed before him, gathers up, one by one, the little rolls of cotton that irregularly dot its surface, and, holding it close to the light, comes to the conclusion that camphor is a delusion and tobacco itself a snare.

Mr. Epstein, the up-town clothier, is a tasty individual, and his show-windows prove it. The one displays an endless variety of shirts, arranged on a patent frame, while the other exhibits fancy articles, etc. The stock within the body of the store is unusually heavy, but he declares that his prices are light.

FIRE.—An alarm of fire was sounded about half-past 7 o'clock, yesterday morning, when the flames were found to proceed from the roof of a kitchen in rear of the Washington House, corner of Gervais and Assembly streets. The destruction of the roof was all the damage done. The fire originated in accident.

COL. DODAMEAD.—We are gratified to learn that Col. Dodamead, notwithstanding invitations elsewhere, will continue in his place of General Superintendent on the Greenville and Columbia Railroad, in which he has given so much satisfaction for several years past. He is conducting a number of improvements on this road, which, when completed, will greatly add to its efficiency and usefulness.

On a trip, during the summer, we found a large part of the road-bed renewed, the trains passing smoothly, and everything conducted on a scale which gave both pleasure and comfort. As a railroad man, Col. Dodamead is an acquisition; and we are glad that one of our most important lines will continue to have the benefit of his good judgment and efficient services.

MAIL ARRANGEMENTS.—Northern mail opens 6.30 A. M., 8 P. M.; closes 11 A. M., 6 P. M. Charleston opens 8 A. M., 7.30 P. M.; closes 8 A. M., 6 P. M. Western opens 6 A. M., 1 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.

STATE FAIR.—The sixth annual fair of the State Agricultural and Mechanical Society will be held in this city, beginning on Tuesday, the 10th of November, and ending on Friday, the 13th. As usual, Columbia will be crowded to overflowing, and those of our business men who wish to bring their wares to the attention of visitors, should hand in their work at once.

St. Nicholas for November offers greater variety than usual. Among the stories there is the opening of "Tchumpin," a stirring Russian tale; "A Half-dozen Young Basals," a story of Banker Hill; "The Hidden Treasure," a tale of pirate life in Florida, by S. W. G. Benjamin; a New York Thanksgiving Story, a Cooon Story, and an interesting Ghost Story. Then there are practical articles, such as "The Transit of Venus;" "How the Cars Stopped;" Yusuf, an Eastern Sketch; "Venus of Milo;" "Legends and Superstitions," by N. S. Dodge; "A Billy-Goat Schoolmaster;" "The Aard-Vark," with illustrations of this curious animal, and an article on the construction of East India Toys. There are poems by Dr. J. G. Holland, Anna C. Brackett, Mary E. Bradley and Mary Mapes Dodge. Published by Scribner & Co., 654 Broadway, New York.

A correspondent of the Edgefield Advertiser publishes for the first time the following lines, written by the Earl of Derby in the fly-leaf of a translation of Homer, which the Earl sent to Gen. Lee:

"The grand old bard who never dies— Receive him in our English tongue— I send thee, but with weeping eyes, The story that he sung. Thy Troy is fallen—thy dear land Is marred beneath the spoiler's heel. I cannot trust my trembling hand To write the things I feel. Oh! realm of tears—but let her bear This blazon to the end of time: 'No nation rose so white and fair, None fell so pure of crime.' The widow's wail, the orphan's wail Are round thee, but in truth be strong. Eternal right, though all things fail, Can never be made wrong!" And the Earl adds: An angel's mouth—an angel's tongue. Not Homer's, could alone for me Hymn forth the great Confederate South, Virginia first—then Lee!

PHOENIXIANA.—Experience is a torch light in the ashes of our delusions. Man overlooks the most instructive book in his study if he reads not himself.

The truest mark of being born with great qualities is being born without pride. Division among families is an unpleasant sort of arithmetic.

"Another hole in those pants?" said a fond mother to her young hopeful. "What a dreadful on kneesy fellow you are!"

However dull a woman may be, she will understand all there is in love; however intelligent a man may be, he will never know but half of it. A youthful lady wants to know whether a girl may be sure a man loves her unutterably when he sits in her presence for an hour without speaking.

HOTEL ARRIVALS, October 19.—Hendrix House.—Thos F Sigourney, Baltimore; W B Seal, Norfolk; Mrs. Forde and two children, Orangeburg; W P Roof, F C Oughman, Lexington; F P Butler, J B Etheridge, Edgefield; W M English, Union; S F Trowbridge, Greenville; S W Keen, Salisbury; J A Haynes, Jonesville; James D Henderson, city.

Columbia Hotel.—A W Thompson, Seneca City; J T Steele, Ga; A B Mathias, So Ex Co; R J McCullough, City; W H Boozer, Prosperity; T S Clarkson, N C; A G Rice, Union; W D Kennedy, Charleston; A N Tall, Jr, J S Lund, G & O R R; J H Spencer, Md; W H Sligh, Richland Co; F A Owers, Cokesbury; Mr and Mrs E L Owens, Greenville; Miss Anna Aldrich, Barnwell; G E Reab, Ga; J R Norton, Robinson's Circus.

LIST OF NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. C. J. Laurey—Auction Sale. Extra Meeting Aconia Lodge. Meeting Rialaud Rifle Club. Geo. W. Williams & Co.—Coffee. Meeting Independent Fire Co. D. O. Peixotto & Sons—Auction Sale. M. W. Stratton—A Card. Meeting Chicora Tribe.

The Treasury Department, on Saturday, received \$125 to be applied to the conscience fund.