# COLUMBIA, S. C.

## Tueslay Morning, October 20, 1874,

#### State Board of Equalization-How is to be Constituted.

We alluded two days ago to the im portance 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. Its most valuable part is the election of a member by each Congressional District, thus giving five members to the board fresh from the people, nominated and should be forwarded by express, and elected by the people, to co-operate not by mail. WM. WALLACE, with the ex-officio members, viz: The Governor, Secretary of State and Comptroller-General. The functions of this board, mainly elective and discharging its duties under the sanctions of an oath, are of immense consequence to a people overburdened with tax stion. There is only one right way to constitute it, and that is by election in the Congressional Districts as required by the law. We are surprised, therefore, to read in the Union, of yesterday, under the heading "Important Appointments," "that the State Convention having failed to nominate a Board of Equalization, as provided for by the Act of the General Assembly," the Executive Committee of the Republican party, after a prolonged session on Sunday, put in nomination annum. a licket of Conservative property holders. We have nothing to say about the nominees.

Bat 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. Again, what has the Executive Committee of the Republican party to do with it? It has no more right to put out a ticket than the City Council of Columbia has, or to suggest, even to the voters, whom they will select to serve on this commission. Does the Executive Committee of the Republican party suppose that the people cannot act themselves in such a matter? If this committee, or any The draft of a bill to be submitted to other committee, or any individual, had called the attention of the country to the importance of enforcing a valuable regulation, it would have been well; but to meet in conclave and select a ticket, and tell the people to elect it, is to stop directly into their shoes and usury one of their most cherished rights.

A writer of a communication in an other 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 bankruptoy 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. This contract provided that Bowen was to lend the use of his editorial columns and otherwise exert himself to promote the sale of the bonds of the Northern Pacific Railroad. His compensation was to be a percentage in bonds and stocks on the amount of bonds sold through whatever channel. He did vilege. receive \$50,000 in bonds and \$460,000 in stock, face value. The trustee repudiates this contract, and asks that the bonds and stock be surrendered to parade them as to convey the impres-the estate. The Court will have to de- sion that the whole South is in a ferthe bonds and stock be surrendered to cide whether the trustee stands morally in Jay Oooke's shoes, and if not, whether the contract is immoral. If it decides that it is, the bonds will have to be restored to the estate for distribution among the c.editors. The question involved is one of much interest both to newspapers and their readers. The Nation discusses it in some general and just observations upon the ethics applicable to newspapers. It owner of the "Wanderer," must have shows that a newspaper, and especially a religious newspaper, stands in a very a religious newspaper, stands in a very different relation to its readers from that of a broker to his custo mers. It may lawfully recommend people to in-vest their money in a particular way. The editor or publisher may sell bonds on commission, provided he makes mo on commission, provided he makes no concealment as to the part he plays in the transaction. So far, he stands on safe ground. But the recommendation to simple people by persons who have secured their confidence as religious division of the crop they had jointly teachers of investments in goods which worked, in which Koon was killed with these teachers have been secretly paid for puffing, is a practice which deserves severe reprobation. "If the courts," says the Nation, "can be got to stamp it with judicial con-demnation, it will be a solid gain for his daughter, Mrs. Susan Mebane, in pealed than from the lower tribunal. the cause of morality. There is a the ninety-second year of his age. He great deal said just now of the influence of science in destroying spiritual-mindedness, and promoting short and dren.

material views of life and its ends. We wooder if those who are making these observations over consider se-riously 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 religions world counives at the use of religious phraseology to give a sort of theatrical decency to base, and vulgar lives.'

CONSERVATIVE LEADQUARTERS, COLUMBIA, S. C , October 19, 1874. County assessments, to aid in defraying the expenses of the canvassers

the Independent Republicans, of Asting Chairman.

All Conservative papers in the State, please copy.

FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES .- A COTTES pondent of the New York Herald, writing from New Orleans under date of October 15 says: An agent of all the European holders of Sonthern 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. He has already settled with the Governors of Alabama, Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Arkansas, and nothing now is required by State Legislatures but to ratify the agreements. The basis of the settlement is that the foreign holders of bonds agree to fund the debt of the several States, principal and interest, and extend the debt for twenty years at four or five per cent. interest per annum. He informs me that he is prevented from settling the \$24,000,000 debt of this State, owing to the fact that there is no Government here with which to settle. If there was a Government with which to negotiate the domestic and foreign debt of the State, by extending it thirty years from January, 1875 or 1876, and accepting new funded bonds bearing four per cent. interest, this would require Louisiana to pay but \$16,000 or \$17,000 per year in-terest on her total debt. It is believed that Tennessee will settle on the same basis.

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 agent asserts that at five per cent. interest on the debt a tax of two mills on the dollar of taxable property will in sixteen years free any of the all the State Legislatures to confirm the settlement has been prepared in London and has been approved by the Governors of the States named, and it is believed will be adopted by all of them. Not a dollar of the principal is required of any State until after thirty years. I have carefully examined the bill, and though it may be the work of a syndicate, I fail to find any very objectionable features in it.

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. Since last winter attention has been several times called to this matter, but there are a number of high officials who continue to defy public opinion by drawing money from the Treasury to keep up carriages for their families. No less a person than Sona-tor Conkling, of New York, has remarked that Senators have as much right to keep carriages at the public expense as any of the department officials. This view seems to be rapidly coming in favor, and several members of both Houses now say that they are determined either that the department officials shall stop this practice or that Congressmen shall enjoy the same pri-

A Movement in the Right Direction MR EDITOR: It is so seldom that our people are able to commend any action of the Radical party in this State, that they should be ready to acknowledge, at suy time, any evidence part to give fair play to the tax-payers and property-bolders of the State. The greatest burden and injustice under With another dive into his basket he which our people have groaned, has been the wanton manner in which the assessments of property for taxation have been made. The class who pay ried the news to Hiram," he disapnineteen-twentieths of all the taxes of the State have been excluded from any voice in fixing the valuation of property. While jealously holding on to every political right which could possi-

bly be claimed for them elves, the dominant party have practically denied to the Conservative party all protection to property. Personal rights have been extended and enforced; property rights have been ignored and perty rights have been ignored and pronounced by the jury to have died trampled on. The writer has seen, from causes unknown to the jury, but therefore, with great satisfaction, an in all probability from congestion of evidence of a purpose to correct this intolerable wrong in the action of the Executive Committee of the Radical party, yesterday, in nominating members of the State Board of Equalization.

Convention of both parties, and no nominations were made. Hence, it became the duty of the State Executive Committee to supply the omission. ter, while walking along the canal The law, as found on page 754, of the bank, last Wednesday, fired off one Acts 1873-'74, provides for a "State Board of Equalization," to consist of one member from each Congressional District of the State, to be elected at the general election, every fourth year. This board has power to add to, or deduct from, the aggregate valuation of real property in every County, so as to reduce the same to its true value in money, and, also, to do the same in the case of any town, city or village in any County. A complete arrests faster than this if they expect check is thus established upon the to overcome the 10,000 opposition mareckless over-valuation of real property in this State.

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. Ou yesterday, the Radical State Executive Committee placed in nomination for these most important positions the following well-known taxpayers and property-holders: In the First Congressional District, B. D. Townsend, of Darlington; in the Se-cond, W. B. Smith, of Charleston; in the Third, W. D. Mars, of Abbeville; in the Fourth, George W. Melton, of Chester; and in the Fifth, Samuel J. Lee, of Aiken. The four first-named gentlemen are Conservatives. The rethe Governor, Comptroller-General and Secretary of State, making eight members in all-four Conservatives and four Radicals.

This is a move in the right direction-a tardy but welcome acknow-ledgment of the right of the governed to a voice in fixing the burden of taxation. The writer is the more ready to commend such action because it is unpected, and it gives the best assurance he has yet had, that the property-holders of the State will be protected from ruinous assessments.

### 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 counterfeit. have swallowed one pound ten ounces ing will be made impossible. Bailard of nails, seven pieces of iron a half makes this proposition without condi- inch square, and a cobbler's awl, minus

WHITE HOUSE FOR RENT .- At an rly 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 tarmed in at the main entrance and which they may see of a desire on their walked up to the front portico. He drew from a basket, which he carried, a bottle of dark looking liquid, with which he besprinkled the stone floor. brought out a placard, on which was printed in large letters, "For Rent." After affixing this to one of the co-lumns, and satisfied that he had "carpeared. After a short time one of the White House employees came out, and in a melancholy manner proceeded to remove the placard.

> FOUND DEAD .- Mrs. Margeret Mo-Evoy was found dead on Friday, on Arnoid's farm, on the King street The verdict of the coroner's road. jury was that the deceased came to her death from intermittent fever. Jas. Flack, the man who was found dead at the Wando Works, on Friday, was the brain. Mrs. Flack, the wife of the above, died very suddenly on Saturday, from malarial fever.

## Charleston News and Courier.

THE MISSING MAN -The disappear ance of Mr. S. Sauter, of Augusta, is It appears that these pominations still wrapped in mystery. We heard, yesterday, that his pistol had been found on the river bank, near Warren's Spring. It is thought probable that his body will be found in the canal this morning, when the water is drawn off. We understand that Sauchamber of his pistol, and was heard to say, "That's all right. Now, the others will do for me.

#### | Chronicle and Sentinel.

KU KLUX .-- I'be Attorney-General to-day gave out a despatch announcing the arrest of forty-two additional per-sons in Alabama on the charge of committing Ku Klux outrages. Alabama Conservatives here say the Attorney-General's officers will have to make arrests faster than this if they expect jority for which Alabama is good in November.

"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 sou; but if you bet on the horses, get acquainted with the riders before the contest, and see how the thing is com-ing out." ,Some of you bettor recollect this.

The "Republicans of the reconstructed States" in council at Chattanooga are charged with the duty of agreeing among themselves how to moderate their rogueries in the South Lee, of Aiken. The four first-named gentlemen are Conservatives. The re-maining members of the Board will be Governor. Computation Conservation and the South to violence, in order that its revolt may alarm the Northern people.

MEAN REVENCE. - 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. The perpetrator of the dastardly deed is unknowp.

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."

died from inflammation, was found to

CITY MATTERS.-Subscribe for the PHOENIX-don't borrow. To oure dull times-apply an adver-

tisement to the afflicted part. To lie about a man never hurts him, but to tell the truth about him sometimes does.

Two things you must never bet onan election.

If you want to "get the drift of things" go into the room where your wife is sweeping.

There was no session of Court yesterday, owing to the continued illness of Judge Carpenter.

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 Barnwell, vice C. H. Brown, removed.

Colonel William Laidler, who for so many years managed the Courier, has gone into the insurance business, in Charleston.

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

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

The Richland Rifl : Club appear in their new uniforms, this evening, for drill, jou Thompson's green. There will, doubtless, be a large number of Cars Stopped;" Yusuf," an Eastern lookers.on.

We learn that Judge Mackey intends to take the field for Gen. Kershaw. Hanuibal White's statement to the contrary notwithstanding. Dry up, Hunnibal. Go it, Judge.

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

To-morrow, the 21st, is the day for Old John Robinson's big show to make its appearance in Columbia. This cstablishment 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 Green ville 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.

Marion Street Methodist Church was crowded to overflowing on Sanday, and the interest in the exercises has become so intense, that the services will be continued this week. The church is packed on each succeeding evening.

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 camphon is a delusion and tobacco itself a

snare Mr. Epstin, the np-town clothier, is a tasty individual, and his show-winows prove it. The one displays

MAIL ABBANGEMENTS .--- Northern mail opens 6,30.A. M., 8 P. M.; closes 11.A.M., 6 P. M. Obsrieston opens 8 A. M., 5.30 P. M.; closes S 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 the verdict of a jury and the result of A. M. On Sunday open from 2.80 to 8.30 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. The premium list is complete, and is published in neat form; copies of which can be had on application at this office.

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 Bascals," 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 Coon Story, and an interesting Ghost Story. Then there are practical articles, such as "The Transit of Venus;" "How the 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

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 moan, 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 tougue. \_\_Not Homer's, could alone for me Hymn forth the great Confederate South.

### Virginia first-then Lee !

PHENIXIANA.-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 "ATA DO

Au English lunatio who recently

cases of disturbance here and there at punishment will be made lighter. the South, and so to dress them up and ment. We could do the same for the whole West or the whole East by carefully culling items from the press of those parts and setting them by columns with giant headings. The South is as quiet to day as any other section

of the Union. |New York Journal of Commerce. Exactly true.

VERILY, WHICH?-Old Gazaway B. Lamar, the disciple of Calhoun and had a conscience beneath at all, for here has he bequeathed \$100,000 to-[Springfield Republican.

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 a stone thrown by Hawkins. Hawkins had not been arrested when our paper went to press .- Union Times.

Mr. Josiah Turner, Sr., the father of the editor of the Raleigh Sentinel, grand-children and great grand-chil-

ONE SIDED. - It is easy to pick out the performs what he proposes, his readily have swallowed a few Sonthern are almost inclined to think that in setts. such a case he would deserve not

mercy alone, but reward.

SMALL INVESTMENTS AND LARGE GAINS.—Luck, pluck and a judicions selection of coupons in the Fifth Gift Concert are the remedies for the hard times, so far at least as small capital-inte are concerned; man the hard ists are concerned; men who have some ready-money, all of which they don't wish to risk just now in the vicissitudes of basiness 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 Chubby 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. The body was carried to the upper wards guardhouse, and the coroner will hold an inquest this morning.-Charteston Sun. BURNED.-Mr. G. S. Hookey re-ceived 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. The fire is supof week before last. The fire is sup-posed to have been the work of an in-the Presidency of Bengal, causing found a large part of the road-bed recondiary. There was no insurance on the property.

Berlin, will receive more favor from the higher court to which he has ap-There were thirty-nine deaths in New York city, from diphtheria, last week, which shows that the disease makes steady progress.

We outrages if he had lived in Massachu-

The New York Tribune says that the election results in the North-west have made Tilden, the Democratic candi-

The detectives in Washington have arrested a gaug 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.

The New York Republic (ultra Radi-

cal) frankly confesses: "With the ex-ceptions of Iowa and Nebraska, the Republicans were badly defeated in the West, yesterday. There is no use in denying the ugly fact, and not much satisfaction in attempting to account for it.'

LOUISIANA.-The voice of Ohio and the voice of Indiana, in the late elections, are a protest against the con-tinuance of the Louisiana asurpation. The moping owls of Congress can no longer blink the question.

Calcutta advices report that a terrigreat destruction of shipping, dwellthe property. Count Yon Arnim, it is thought in Great loss of life is also reported.

To illustrate how fast we grow, they say that Mr. William Tell wouldn't have been anywhere among the marksmen at Creedmoor.

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

endless variety of shirts, arranged on 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, notwith-standing invitations elsewhere, will continue in his place of General Su-to the first standard of the Greenville and continue in the Greenville and Kennedy, Charleston: A N Tally, Jr, ber of improvements on this road, which, when completed, will greatly Robinson's Circus, add to its efficiency and usefulness. found a large part of the road-bed renowed, 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 jadgment and efficient services. the conscience fund.

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. - Hen-drix House. - Thos F Sigourney, Bal-timore; WB Seal, Norfolk; Mrs. Forde and two children, Orangeburg; W P Roof, F O Caughman, Lexington; F P. Botler, J B Etheridge, Edgefield; W M English, Union; S F Trowbridge, Greenville; S W Keen, Salisbury; J A Haynes, Jonesville; James D Hender-

perintendent on the Greenville and Columbia Railroad, in which he has given so much satisfaction for several years past. He is conducting a num-tion of the several of the Barnwell; G E Reab, Ga; J R Norton,

> LIST OF NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. C. J. Laurey-Auction Sale. Extra Meeting Acaoia Lodge, Meeting Richland Rifle Olub. Geo. W. Williams & Co.-Coffee. Meeting Independent Fire Co. D. O. Peixotto & Sons-Austion Sale M. W. Stratton-A Card. Meeting Chicora Tribe.

The Treasury Department, on Sa-turday, received \$125 to be applied to