

GREENWOOD, December 16, 1874.  
Mr. Editor: At a meeting of the Abbeville County Council Patrons of Husbandry, held in this place on the 16th instant, during the discussion of the subject of "Farm economy, as applied to the kind of produce grown, the extent of operations and quality of the work done," it was

**Resolved,** That the attention of Patrons in Abbeville County be earnestly invited to a consideration of the necessity of sowing a large area of their lands in grain, with a view of diminishing the area in cultivation, thus securing a diminution of expense—a higher, more thorough, and remunerating return for labor—a renovation of their lands—an abundant harvest without daily expenditure and a comparative exemption from the annoyance and burden of a large number of laborers.

**Resolved, further,** That we, as agriculturists, think that we have occasion to cheer up under the brightening prospects of the future, as indicated by the statesmanlike utterances of his Excellency the Governor in his inaugural address, and earnestly hope that as he has the power, he will see that the people are relieved from oppression and misrule.

These resolutions were unanimously adopted, and the Secretary instructed to send a copy to the Governor, and to the County papers for publication.

The subject of "Cheap Transportation" was discussed, and a petition sent forward to the authorities of the Greenville and Columbia Railroad, requesting a reduction of the present tariff on cotton, and a modification of their entire freight list.

"The expenditure of public funds, as exhibited by the late report of the County Commissioners," was freely discussed, and elicited the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, in these days of general demoralization, individual credit is measured alone by individual character; and whereas individual repudiation in any form whatever is immoral, illegal and wrong; and whereas the tone and character of the community is equally dependent upon the honesty and faith with which it defrays its credit; therefore,

**Resolved,** That we, the farmers of Abbeville County, do denounce the policy of our public servants, heretofore adopted, of creating a debt or debts, and subsequently repudiating the same when presented for payment.

**Resolved, further,** That we appoint a committee of three to investigate this matter and employ legal counsel, if necessary, to test before the courts the question, whether the debts of the County cannot be regarded as a legal tender in payment of County taxes. Adopted unanimously.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the members of the Greenwood Grange, No. 9, and also to the citizens of the town, for their cordial reception and generous hospitality in entertaining the Council.

Council then adjourned to meet at Due West on third Thursday, 21st January, 1875, at 7 o'clock P. M.  
A. M. AIKEN, Sec. A. C. C.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,  
COLUMBIA, December 15, 1874.

A. W. Aiken, Esq., Secretary A. C. C., Greenwood, S. C.—DEAR SIR: Yours of the 14th instant, containing a copy of resolutions adopted by the Abbeville County Council, is received. I consider myself fortunate to have been able to deserve the commendation expressed in your resolutions.

For the agriculturists of our State, as for all who are engaged in producing the wealth of the country, I have the most cordial respect. If my administration shall command their approval, it will be a source of great satisfaction to me. Of course, what I have marked out in my inaugural will be carefully followed by me, unless better modes of reaching the desired ends shall be pointed out to me. In all this I trust I shall continue to receive your approval and support. Very respectfully, your obedient servant,  
D. H. CHAMBERLAIN,  
Governor.

LEGISLATIVE.—The Union-Herald says: The cost of the session of 1872-73, so far as known, was \$260,000. There are now on the market an unknown amount of certificates issued in excess of the appropriations. The salary and mileage of the members, pay of subordinate officers and attaches and incidental expenses were all included in one general appropriation, so as to make it impossible to obtain the relative cost of each. The appropriations for the session of 1873-74 are specific, and in that respect at least are an improvement on the year previous. For instance, for salary and mileage of members, \$103,000; joint orders, \$12,000; pay of subordinate officers and contingent expenses of House of Representatives, \$45,000; pay of subordinate officers and contingent expenses of the Senate, \$30,000; contingent expenses, \$25,000; total, \$215,000. Session of 1874-75: Salary and mileage of members, \$103,000; contingent expenses of House of Representatives, \$3,000; contingent expenses of Senate, \$10,000; pay of subordinates, &c., \$31,000; total, \$150,000.

It is well enough to notice that in the legislative appropriation bill the payment of members comes first, officers second, attaches third, and contingent accounts last. The tax levy for the payment of legislative expenses will scarcely produce enough to pay the first three, and, therefore, contingent accounts are likely to be left among the deficiencies, payable, if a tax is levied for the purpose, in January, 1876.

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BY J. A. SELBY. COLUMBIA, S. C., FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 25, 1874 VOL. X—NO. 241.

TURKEY.—A special says that the Porte is pushing forward the work of strengthening the defenses. The numerical strength of the army is to be increased, additions already having been made to the artillery and infantry. Large quantities of rifles have been ordered and are arriving at different military depots for distribution among the troops. The cause of the present warlike activity of the Porte is not assigned.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—Bernard Kirley, David Murphy, Martin Sullivan and James Burns, employed in the new tunnel of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Great Western Railroad, near Jersey City, were precipitated down a shaft sixty feet deep, by a bucket giving way, and were instantly killed. Some of the men threatened to lynch the engineer, who was blameless, and a force of police was detailed to protect him.

The store of Messrs. J. S. Dorrick & Co., at Leesville, was entered by thieves on the night of the 22d inst. They made their entrance by forcing the front door, and carried off goods, &c.—amount unknown. They also broke open the money drawer, and robbed it of its contents, and carried off the United States mail key.

A conference of nearly 1,000 English, Episcopal and Catholic clergy was recently held in Manchester, to consider the question of drunkenness as affecting religion and morals. The resolutions passed are said to have been of a very moderate and well-considered character.

FUNERAL OF A CONGRESSMAN.—The funeral of Hon. J. B. Rice took place at Grace Church, on the 23d, and was largely attended. Flags were at half mast all over the city. The city offices were closed, and many special marks of respect were shown to the deceased.

Custom receipts for the week ending December 19: New York, \$13,923,924; Philadelphia, \$11,416,263; Baltimore, \$7,514,187; New Orleans, \$3,286,708; San Francisco, \$3,384,705. National bank notes received to-day for redemption, \$1,359,900.

\$5,000 were paid to Bishop Alemany for performing the marriage ceremony of Miss Sharon, the daughter of the prospective Senator from Nevada, whose annual income is said to be \$5,000,000 in gold.

Apple butter, peach butter, plum butter, raspberry butter, and every other kind of butter, (except snot,) can always be obtained from Hardy Solomon.

Executors Notice.  
ANY persons to whom the late ROBERT C. SHIVER may have been indebted will please present such claims, duly evidenced.  
C. BOUKNIGHT,  
Executor.  
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Notice to Holders of Claims Against the State of South Carolina.  
OFFICES OF CLERKS OF SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COLUMBIA, S. C., December 23, 1874.  
PUBLISHED to concurrent resolution, adopted by both Houses, the undersigned hereby give notice to holders of all claims against the State, other than the Ridge Scrip and Bills of the Bank of the State, to present said claims at their offices, in the city of Columbia, on or before the 19TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1875, for registration.  
J. WOODRUFF,  
Clerk of Senate.  
A. O. JONES,  
Clerk of House of Representatives.  
Dec 24

Mayor's Proclamation.  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
CITY OF COLUMBIA, December 24, 1874.  
FOR the purpose of preventing accidents, know all men by these presents, that I, JOHN ALEXANDER, Mayor of the City aforesaid, do hereby issue this my proclamation, forbidding the firing of Squibs, Guns, Pistols, &c., in the following streets during the holidays: Richardson, Sumter and Assembly streets, from Jarvis to Rich