

THE GOVERNOR ON RETIREMENT.
Governor Chamberlain addressed a letter to Senator Nash, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance, a few days ago, in which he emphasized the duty of all in official position to endeavor to keep the expenses of the State within proper bounds. The aggregate of deficiencies created under the Appropriation Act is \$178,556. This is due to the fact, he says, that the present tax levy was made upon an assessment of property amounting to \$176,000,000, whereas the new assessment under which that levy is collected aggregates only about \$140,000,000. To the end that expenditures may be brought down to such amount as will reduce this immense deficiency to the lowest possible limit, he makes the following suggestions:

1. Strike out appropriation made in paragraph 13 of Section 1, for additional compensation of County Auditors—\$4,785.75.
2. Reduce Governor's contingent fund to \$3,000.
3. Reduce Attorney-General's contingent fund to \$10,000.
4. Reduce the appropriation for the Lunatic Asylum to \$50,000.
5. Reduce appropriation for State Orphan Asylum to \$10,000.
6. Reduce appropriations for salaries of professors in University to \$18,000.
7. This involves abolition of medical department, which, under the circumstances, I approve.
8. Strike out appropriation of \$1,000 for demonstrator of anatomy.
9. Strike out in same section and paragraph appropriation for apparatus—\$1,000.
10. Reduce appropriation for miscellaneous expenses of University to \$1,500.
11. Reduce appropriation for preparatory school in University to \$2,000.
12. Reduce appropriation for insurance and repairs on University buildings to \$4,000.
13. Reduce appropriation for State Agricultural College to \$5,000.
14. Reduce appropriation for State Normal School to \$5,000.
15. Reduce appropriation for public printing to \$40,000.

Mr. Woodruff's Reply.
COLUMBIA, S. C., February 8, 1875.
Hon. W. B. Nash, Chairman Committee on Finance of State Senate—DEAR SIR: In reply to the suggestions of his Excellency the Governor, relative to the matter of the public printing, I beg leave to submit the following for the consideration of the committee:

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1875.
SENATE.

Messages were received from the House, that the bills to annamurate the inhabitants of the State and to provide for the redemption of forfeited lands, were improperly passed and they were returned. Also, that the enacting clause of a Senate bill relative to lions of crops had been stricken out.

The House sent to the Senate concurrent resolutions that the Clerks of the two Houses furnish statement of all claims passed at regular session of 1873-74, for which provision has not been made; to instruct the Senators and Representatives of the State in the United States Congress to give their earnest and united support to any measure that seeks to extend aid to the Texas and Pacific Railway, were concurred in and returned.

Concurrent resolution to appoint a special joint committee to ascertain and report as to the best means of furthering the representation of the resources of the State at the International Exhibition in Philadelphia. Messrs. Cochran, Swails, Whittemore, Duncan, Nash were appointed committee on part of Senate.

Mr. Jarvey introduced bills to incorporate Middle Street Sullivan's Island Railroad Company; to alter and amend charter of German Rifle Club, of Charleston; to incorporate German School Association, of Charleston.

Mr. Whittemore—Bill to authorize and empower P. C. Fludd to erect and maintain gates across a certain lane in Darlington.

Mr. Smalls—Bill to amend an Act to enforce the provisions of Civil Rights Bill of the United States Congress, and to secure to the people the benefits of a Republican Government in this State.

Mr. Myers—Bill to amend an Act to establish a public road in Colleton County.

Mr. Jones—Joint resolution to enable Miss Julia Duncan, of Darlington County, to redeem certain lands forfeited for non-payment of taxes.

Mr. Bowen—Bill to protect and encourage stock raising.

Mr. Swails presented claim of Hardy Solomon, for supplies furnished State Penitentiary.

Mr. Whittemore presented application of Porter, Coates & Co., of Philadelphia, for authority to make, on account of the State, certain steel engravings, representing the Capitol in use at the organization of the State Government, and the one now occupied in process of erection.

Mr. Myers presented petition of sundry citizens of Colleton, relative to certain roads and bridges in that County.

A message was received from the Governor, stating that he has approved the following Acts and joint resolutions: Acts to renew and amend charter Table Mountain Turnpike Company; to alter and amend charter of Union Savings Bank, of Columbia; to incorporate town of Port Harrelson, Horry County; joint resolution to restore to Charleston Library Society title to certain lands forfeited for non-payment of taxes, and to declare same to be free from taxation. Also, stating that he disapproved a joint resolution to allow O. D. Prentiss, J. L. Smith and others to redeem certain forfeited land in Aiken. The Senate refused to pass it over the veto.

House bill to declare the true intent and meaning of an Act to regulate the pay of members of the General Assembly, was laid on the table.

Bill to amend an Act for incorporation of town of Georgetown, was read third time and sent to House.

The enacting clause of bill to regulate the appointment and salary of Trial Justices in the several Counties of the State herein mentioned, was stricken out.

After consideration of general orders, adjourned.

Ladd Brothers have extricated their steamer from the bank in the Wateree on which it ran aground, and are bringing it back up the river. The accident was due to the want of a pilot thoroughly acquainted with the channel. The project of navigating the river will be pushed, we trust, to a prosperous conclusion. Success would vastly enhance the price of the fertile Wateree lands, as it would open a cheap and rapid line of transportation. The Ladd Brothers deserve great credit for their enterprise. The boat is fifty feet long and eight feet across, and draws seven or eight inches. It is propelled by a stern paddle wheel. Dr. Ladd was the architect, and exhibited great skill and ingenuity in his work. The boat runs well.—Winthrop News.

THE MOUNTAIN MEADOW MASSACRE.
The Salt Lake Tribune, of February 6, publishes a statement from Lee, of the Mountain Meadow massacre fame, saying that he will turn State's evidence. He denies the ravishing and murder of helpless women, and asserts that Haight, Highty and others have charged their enormities upon him. He is suffering from inflammatory rheumatism.

CAPE DIAMOND AVALANCHE.—The fear that all the members of the Gibson family were killed by the avalanche of snow from Cape Diamond, which crushed their house on the night of the 4th, was fully confirmed later in the night, by the discovery of the dead bodies of the Gibsons and of the child Hetherington in the ruins.

Workmen are now busy in Pere la Chaise on a splendid monument to Generals Le Conte and Clement Thomas, the two soldiers who were offered as human sacrifices in the Communist orgie of 1871.

DAFOUR AND EGYPT.

While the American political gibbaster is dreaming of the annexation of San Domingo, Sandwich Islands, Mexico, States and Central American republics, the Egyptian statesman is realizing the blessings of a grand grab of equally hot territory in the vicinity of his dominions. Egypt has annexed Darfour. The precise extent of Darfour is not known, but being described in the books as "fifty days' journey in length and fifteen in breadth, it must evidently be a considerable slice of African territory, according to any reasonable computation of distance in a measurement by time and traveling. As a summer resort Darfour is perhaps unequalled. It has no winter to mar its torridity; its autumn, the season of rain, is refreshed with frequent gushes of sunshine, and it is not rare for half a dozen rainbows to be seen at one time. The mirage, too, glorifies the plains when summer prevails. The tamarind and the grape embellish the fields and forests. Tobacco, wild and cultivated, gives succor from sorrow to the mixture of Arabs and negroes, who inhabit the land. The mercantile interests are developed by the caravan that from the days of the ancient patriarchs has been carrying down into the land of Egypt camels, ivory, horns of the rhinoceros, teeth of the hippopotamus, ostrich feathers, gum, paropots, monkeys and other luxuries. The slave trade was at one time also a great source of gain to the lords of the desert, the predatory Arab and his equally enterprising colored brother. From time immemorial Darfour has been governed by a despotic prince or sultan, and his cabin was composed of numerous privileged old women, whose especial duties consisted in obeying his commands and assisting at various ceremonies. This system of government prevails to some extent yet elsewhere than in Darfour, but as for Darfour, let us hope that the Khedive will spread himself on a "new movement."

TEXAS AND PACIFIC RAILROAD.
What is wanted. Why it is wanted. Why it should be granted. The company asks of Congress no donation of lands, no appropriation of money, no subsidies, no guarantee of the principal of bonds, but simply a guarantee of the interest, under circumstances and conditions that render it almost impossible that a dollar can ever be required to be paid on such guarantee.

Why, then, is the guarantee desired? Because it will save many millions of dollars to the company in the enhanced price at which the bonds can be sold in foreign markets, and many millions more in the interest account, as with Government guarantee, 6 per cent. bonds will bring more than ten per cent. bonds without it. Because, in the second place, it will be impossible to sell the bonds at all or build the road without such guarantee, and the country must long remain undeveloped and unproductive.

Why should this application be favorably considered? Because, instead of asking for money or land, the company proposes to surrender to the Government 30,000,000 acres previously granted, and which the construction of the road will render valuable. Because there is no bribery, corruption or Credit Mobilier in the scheme. It is open, honest and straightforward. The issue of bonds is proposed to be limited to actual requirements under cash contracts with Government supervision. The construction company to whom the contract was first allotted, has agreed to surrender the contract for actual cash expended. Because the Government will save annually more in cost of transportation than the whole of the interest guaranteed, while it is not probable that a single cent will ever be paid on such guarantee. Because it will put an end to Indian depredations, and relieve the Government from heavy expenses for military protection. Because it will give the shortest and best line to the Pacific, free from snows, and the only one that will accommodate the Southern States. Because, after extending aid to the Northern and Central Pacific Roads and establishing a policy, it is now too late and ungenerous and unfair to change the policy and refuse to the Southern line the aid required, when it can be extended without risk and with great advantage to the Government. Because it will open up the finest agricultural, grazing and mineral region of the United States, and afford communication with the mines of Mexico, and establish valuable trade with that country. Because the Central and Union Pacific Roads now earn \$11,000 per mile, 70 per cent. of which is from local business, and it is simply impossible that a better line, through a better country, with greater resources, should not earn half so much; but less than half will enable the company to pay the whole of the interest, to which, also, all the income of the company's lands and \$5,000 per mile of bonds are pledged. Because it will give employment to tens of thousands of laborers now idle, give a new impetus to suspended industries, and distribute tens of millions of foreign capital secured at low rates of interest. Because the company is pledged to permit no discrimination in favor of Northern against Southern lines, and the advantages of the latter will enable them in fair and open competition to secure their full share of business. Because the \$10,000,000 that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company have expended in Southern lines between Baltimore and Mobile is a sure guarantee that, if possible to prevent it, this large capital will not be allowed to remain unproductive.

CITY MATTERS.—Subscribe for the PHENIX—don't borrow. More shows indications yesterday, but the goose was not plucked. Transient advertisements and notices must be paid for in advance. Look out for the stereopticon, in Parker's Hall, Tuesday evening, February 9. Look out for the stereopticon, in Parker's Hall, Tuesday evening, February 9. To-day is Shrove Tuesday, and consequently the solemn season of Lent commences to-morrow. Mr. F. M. Drennan, an old and respected citizen of Columbia, departed this life on Sunday afternoon. The South Carolina State Grange convenes in this city on Wednesday, the 17th inst.—the anniversary of the destruction of Columbia. Travelers should peruse the schedules of the different railroads, published in the PHENIX, as material changes have been made. Enclose the postage with your subscription—Daily, six months, 25 cents; Tri-Weekly, 15 cents; Weekly, 10 cents. It was currently reported, yesterday, that articles of impeachment would soon be presented against Treasurer Cardozo. 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. An energetic, industrious lad, who has some knowledge of printing, can obtain a situation by applying at once at PHENIX office. Treasurer B. G. Youm, of Chester, passed through Columbia on Sunday. He thinks Chester is the banner County, as he collected within \$1,800 of the entire tax levy. Another "Mark Twain's Holy Land Excursion" is on the tapis. A circular from George F. Duncan, Office U. S. Shipping Commissioner, 187 and 189 Cherry street, New York, explains the trip. The Rural Carolinian, for February, is before us, and a capital one it is, too. The next number will contain a full report of the proceedings of the National Grange Patrons of Husbandry, now in session in Charleston. The hot supper in aid of the Washington Street Methodist Episcopal Church, comes off, this evening, in Irwin's Hall. You can aid the church and be internally benefited by attending. The committee will accept our thanks for tickets. When the Bohemian knocks around town these days, after items, it is not necessary for him to "make notes." When he goes back to the office to write up, he can very easily retain in his memory all that he has seen or heard in the way of items, in a two hours' tramp. When business is dull advertising is needed most and should be most energetically used, because people are most attracted at all times to the houses which take most pains to invite their trade, and advertisers then get the largest share of what is doing. The roof of the Columbia Female Academy took fire, yesterday afternoon, about 2 o'clock. The prompt response of the firemen prevented the extending of the flames. This was one of the few buildings that escaped destruction during General Sherman's occupation of the city. Coroner Coleman is seriously ill, at his residence on Plain street, near Gates. He is one of our oldest citizens, and distinctly remembers when the first store was erected in Columbia, and when fish were caught in a stream running near our principal street. An Act of the last Congress permits the sender of a newspaper through the mails to print or impress his name or card on the wrapper; but prohibits the writing of anything on either the newspaper or wrapper, except the address of the person to whom the paper is sent. This is worth knowing. Considerable confusion was created in the Senate and House, yesterday, by anonymous communications addressed to Senators and members, admonishing them to "go home" and cease their "black-mailing attempts upon the Treasurer." One letter stated that the Treasurer had "thousands for defence, but not a cent for tribute." A "farewell meeting" was held in the A. R. Church, of Fairfield, a few nights ago, to celebrate the departure of Miss Mary E. Galloway, as a missionary to Egypt. Several ministers were present, and interesting addresses were delivered. Miss Galloway sails on the 11th from New York. She is a graduate of Due West Female College.

HOT SUPPER.

The Ladies of the Washington Street Church will have a supper to aid in completing their church, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings—February 9 and 10—at Irwin's Hall. Price of admission twenty-five cents. Doors open at 7 1/2 o'clock. At each table will be found a bill of fare with the prices marked, which prices will be strictly adhered to and change always given. The following gentlemen have been requested by the ladies to act as managers: Messrs. E. N. Blohburg, J. R. Slavson, D. B. Senn, H. M. Gibson, F. Ehrlich, J. W. Hardy, R. C. Wright, J. C. Campbell, Dr. L. T. Stillman.

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., 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.

Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Reynolds, Mrs. Wm. Reynolds, Misses Jane and Sophia Reynolds, together with the young ladies connected with the Columbia Female Academy, return hearty thanks to the several fire companies, the Hook and Ladder Company, and to all other citizens who, by their timely aid, so kindly rendered, saved the academy from destruction by fire yesterday afternoon.

HOMICIDE.—What is believed to have been a brutal murder, occurred at the penitentiary on Saturday afternoon. One of the convicts, Charles Barron by name, got into a difficulty with Corporal Bryant, of the guard, when the latter drew his pistol and shot Barron in the right side, from the effects of which he died in about twenty minutes. An inquest was held yesterday, and a verdict rendered, that deceased came to his death by a ball from a pistol in the hands of Corporal Bryant. The homicide gave himself up to the officers of justice.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSION.—COLUMBIA, February 8.—Judge Carpenter presiding. The only case tried was that of John Raleigh, charged with the murder of Tyler Starling, in December, 1865. Solicitor Runkle and Messrs. Pope & Haskell for the State; Messrs. Bachman & Youmans and John Winge for the prisoner. The State failed to make out a case, and the Judge directed the jury to render a verdict of not guilty, which was done.

LIST OF NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
Meeting Richard Rifle Club. Valentines, &c. at McKensie's. R. L. Bryan—Valentines.

HOTEL ARRIVALS, FEBRUARY 8.
Hendrix House—T. F. Wesson, W. H. Bart, J. H. McGraw, N. Y.; L. Pamphrey, Md.; B. A. Stovall, Ga.; E. E. Meredith, G. King, Va.; S. M. Rierdon, N. C.; J. J. Oldiges, Ky.; W. F. Richardson, Va.; Miss L. B. Solomon, S. C.; J. H. Hudson, Bennettsville; G. E. Hawkins, Charleston; J. N. Watt, Mrs. J. W. Forwood, N. C.

Mansion House.—L. E. LeConte, city; T. W. Ball, Baltimore; A. E. Blitch, Alton; E. W. Wheeler, city; J. F. Waters and lady, Texas; T. E. Caughman, Lexington.

The Prefecture of Police of Tokio, Japan, has issued the following circular: "Any person in European costume meeting his Imperial Majesty will be obliged to salute the Emperor by holding his hat under his left arm and lowering his right hand to his knees. Those who do not wear a hat will be obliged to lower both hands to the knees while bowing before the Emperor."

Another fatal accident occurred in a shaft of the Delaware and Eschawanna Railroad, at Bergen Hill, Jersey City, Friday night. A bucket containing Peter O'Conner and Edward Dempsey fell, precipitating the men to the bottom. Both were fatally injured.

Henry S. Dow, editor of the Lumber News Journal, and a prominent journalist of the North-west, died at the Biddle House, Detroit, last night, from the effects of an overdose of morphine accidentally administered.

A fire was raging at the Shakers' Settlement, in Mount Lebanon, New York, yesterday. It commenced in the church, and it was feared it would be disastrous.

The only vacant seat in the San Francisco stock board has been sold for \$30,000. This is the highest price ever paid for a seat, and is \$20,000 higher than the price about a year ago. His name was Hamlet, and he was a sexton at Norton, in England, and he was killed by falling into a newly-made grave.

A young Charlestonian, Mr. Nathaniel W. Lord, committed suicide, on the 6th, by shooting himself in the temple with a pistol.

William Graham, of Buffalo, committed suicide recently, in a hotel at Jackson.

"We want \$40,000,000 more revenue," says a New York paper. So do we.

APPOINTMENTS.

Jury Commissioners: Pickens—W. A. Lesley; Colleton—John F. Lewis, vice James Nesbitt, removed. Trial Justices: Colleton—W. B. Harley, C. B. Brook, S. S. Albright, W. O. Griffith, W. H. Blocker, E. S. Tarlton, J. M. Cantwell, J. A. Aokerman, H. S. King, L. A. Harper; Darlington—A. Branch, B. O. Holloway; Notaries Public: Abbeville—Benj. D. Kay; Anderson—John Long, Joseph Winter; Barnwell—W. G. Tryson; Beaufort—A. W. Muckenfus; Removals: Trial Justices—Colleton—Carroll, Sol. Pinckney, Joseph Brown, C. J. Sasportus, M. P. Howell.

The dead body of a wood-entier, named Wm. P. Knights, was found near the Six Mile House, above Charleston, on the 7th. It is supposed that he was killed by a passing railroad train.