

The Mountain of Taxes. The legislative mill has at last ceased to grind. The session is over, the members have gone home. We naturally turn to see the results of this long incubation.

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OFFICE OF S. C. LUNATIC ASYLUM, COLUMBIA, S. C., March 27, 1875. TO THE EDITOR OF THE PHOENIX: The thanks of our inmates are due to Mrs. Judge Willard, Mrs. R. J. Donaldson and Mrs. Dr. Fox for liberal supplies of papers and other reading matter.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Executive and judicial officers, Penal, charitable and educational institutions, Public schools, Expenses of the General Assembly, Public printing for '75 and deficiency for '74, Interest public debt, Claims passed at regular session, Unpaid appropriations for printing for '73 and '74, Balances of unpaid appropriations for the year ending 31st October, 1874, Past indebtedness for Lunatic Asylum and Asylum for Deaf, Dumb and Blind, Interest on bonds held by State Agricultural College and Mechanics Institute, Appropriations due State Orphan Asylum and State Normal School, Deficiencies on unpaid appropriations of fiscal year commencing November 1, 1874.

The amount estimated to be paid by this tax is \$1,560,000. Add the three mills for County purposes, and it will amount up to \$1,920,000. And then there is the bonanza, a half mill more.

J. P. Boswell has been appointed by Gov. Chamberlain Coroner of Kershaw County.

A Final Veto. On the last day of the session, (Friday,) Governor Chamberlain returned to the Senate, without his signature of approval, and with a veto message, of the Act to declare the true intent and meaning of the Act to fund the public debt.

The Nation concludes a notice of Gov. Chamberlain's veto of the bill to settle the floating debt, (bonanza,) with assuring him of the sympathy of honest people all over the Union, extended to him as one who is really defending civilization itself against barbarism in its worst form.

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THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—CHARLESTON, March 25.—Judge Bryan presiding. The petition of James R. Castles for voluntary bankruptcy was referred to Registrar Clawson. In the petition of Thos. J. Harper for relief and injunction in the matter of F. J. Moses, Jr., bankrupt, it was ordered that the respondents have judgment and execution against Thos. J. Harper for costs, the petition having been dismissed on the 23d of March instant, and that the respondents have leave to file their returns to the said petition.

The Tennessee Legislature has adjourned. A dozen or more bills were passed which will save the State annually \$1,000,000. Among them is one taxing railroads 1 1/2 per cent. on gross earnings, yielding yearly about \$105,000; regulating trial by jury, saving the State \$100,000 by making it optional with the parties to have a jury or not; taxing losing litigants in civil cases with costs, thus saving \$200,000. There will be no change in the rate of taxation, which remains at forty cents on the \$100.

DEATH OF MR. DAVID DICKSON.—Mr. David Dickson died at his home, in Oxford, Ga., on the 16th instant, after a protracted illness of several weeks. He was a gentleman well and widely known for his many virtues, as well as for being the originator of the celebrated "Dickson Cotton," so universally used in the cotton States.

The State Legislature. FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1875. SENATE. Mr. Cochran gave notice of the introduction next session of a joint resolution to amend the Constitution of this State, so as to fix and determine the bonded debt of this State, and to provide that all bonds and coupons which shall not be funded on or before the first day of January, A. D. 1877, shall be declared fraudulent, null and void.

An Act to declare the true intent and meaning of certain provisions of an Act to reduce the volume of the public debt, and provide for the payment of the same, was vetoed.

Resolutions to authorize the presiding officers of the two houses to draw pay certificates for incidental expenses of the two houses, was laid on the table. The further consideration of the unfinished business was postponed to the next regular session.

Rev. S. C. Goosley, Chaplain of the House, was voted \$300. Mr. Humbert introduced a resolution, which was adopted, complimentary to Speaker Elliott, and voting him a gratuity of \$1,000.

MUTILATED CURRENCY.—The following is of local as well as general interest: The Secretary of the Treasury has decided to return to the old method of redeeming mutilated United States currency, under which a deduction was made proportioned to the portion of the note missing. The change will take effect on the 1st prox.

At an election for officials of the town of Midway for the ensuing year, the following were chosen: L. A. Burke, Intendant; Warden—Charles Duensing, Thomas H. Lyerly, Henry W. Walker, Moses Robinson.

The cold weather cracked apple trees in Northern New York from the roots nearly to the limbs, so that a person may see completely through them.

THE STORM.—Gen. M. C. Butler gives a graphic account of the scenes in Meriwether Township. Among minor details he tells us that masses of clothing were picked up in his lowlands, blown across the river from the Georgia side; and not only clothing, papers, light debris, &c., but also a large mattress, and a heavy, handsome paneled door.

Mr. Turner had the roof blown off his house, while his out-houses, fences, forage, supplies, cattle were completely destroyed. Mrs. Ann Gray, widow of the late C. M. Gray, who lives in the same section, lost everything she owned—house and all.

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A NEW ERA.—In old times, at the commencement of every season, it was the fashion to take a strong cathartic as a safeguard against a change of temperature. It was a worse than senseless practice. The people of our day understand the matter better.

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A plow manufactory is soon to be started in Spartanburg on a large scale by Mr. Mark Cooper, inventor of the Cooper plow.

CITY ITEMS.—Subscribe for the PHOENIX and then invest a V in the real estate distribution. "Coming Revolution." 1776 represented by Choral Union, April 1.

There were five deaths in Columbia for the week ending the 27th—whites 2; colored 3. The Legislature adjourned sine die promptly at 3 P. M., on Friday—the clocks having been set back to suit.

Services at St. Peter's Church, to-day, will commence at a quarter before 10 o'clock, when Mozart's Twelfth Mass will be rendered by the choir.

THE EXHIBITION LAST NIGHT.—About 250 individuals were badly "sold," last night. One of the poorest apologies for an entertainment that we have ever seen in this city was presented. There was vulgarity without wit; and attempts at exposing the female person which were very shallow.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES TO-DAY.—Presbyterian Church—Rev. J. H. Bryson, 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Trinity Church—Rev. P. J. Shand, rector, and Rev. J. H. Stringfellow, assistant—11 A. M. and 5 P. M.

Supreme Court Decision—MARCH 26, 1875.—The State ex rel. R. S. Tharin, appellant, vs. E. B. Seabrook, respondent. Appeal dismissed. Opinion by Willard, A. J.

LIST OF NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. DITSON & CO.—New Music. John Agnew—Final Notice. Perry & Slawson—Cigars, Tobacco. Meeting Phoenix Hook and Ladder Co. Geo. Symmers—Fresh Arrivals. Statement M. and F. B. and L. A. Meeting S. C. Medical Association.

How to Restore the Prosperity of the State.—Keep your money at home. Do not send away for anything which you can obtain as well here as elsewhere. We do not advocate paying \$5 for that which you can buy abroad for even \$4.90; but when you can buy your Blank Books, of the best grade, at prices as low as New York, then send to Walker, Evans & Cogswell, Charleston, S. C., and purchase what you need.

PHOENIX HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY. THE regular monthly meeting will be held in the Hall, TO-MORROW (Monday) EVENING, at 8 o'clock. F. D. KONEMAN, Secretary.

Coming Revolution. As the time approaches, the "Rushing Sale of Cigars" increases. Only a few days until all will realize what a great change has taken place. Smokers will rejoice even more than they do now when they go to PERRY & SLAWSON'S Cigar and Tobacco Store.

CITY HALL GROCERY. FRESH ARRIVALS! SMOKED TONGUES, Beef, Ham, &c. Pickled Salmon, Beef, Mackerel. CANNED—Corned Beef, Salmon, Asparagus, Lima Beans, Green Peas, Succotash, California Peas and Apricots, Peaches, Truffles, &c., &c., &c.

A Word About Cigars. These being only an adjunct to my business, and having unsurpassed facilities, I can offer CIGARS lower than any house in town. Call and be convinced—this is no brag. GEO. SYMMERS, March 28

SCHOOL MUSIC BOOKS. Commence your instruction with AMEN SCHOOL MUSIC READER, IN 3 BOOKS. BOOK I (35 cents) has a charming course for Primary Schools. Book II (50 cents) has one equally attractive for Grammar Schools, and Book III (50 cents) is fitted for higher Grammar Classes and High Schools.