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REFORM INDEED!

On the night of Friday Oct. 9th, last a Mass Meeting was held on Bay st. in this Town addressed by several speakers one of whom was Gen. W. J. Whipper. This gentleman supported the nomination of D. H. Chamberlain, and the local paper reported his remarks as follows: "He strongly urged the importance of sending none but men of undoubted honesty to the Legislature who would second the efforts of the Governor to bring about that reform promised and needed in the State."

It was in his opinion useless to expect reform, as far as the delegation from Beaufort could effect it, if they sent back any of those who composed the delegation during the past four years. After the lapse of six months it will be admitted that Mr. Whipper prophesied pretty correctly, although we are inclined to doubt whether any close observer of the course of politics in South Carolina since 1868 would have anticipated any thing different. These thoughts occur to us when we consider the small gathering of citizens of the Town on Saturday eve. last, when a small knot of politicians met and named the delegates to represent us in the coming convention which is to decide upon three members of the next Assembly. So far as the voice of Beaufort is concerned, the men who sincerely desire reform have only themselves to blame for not being present at the Arsenal on Saturday night and making the attempt at least to secure five delegates to support proper nominations in the Convention.

What is the reason now, that those who were so anxious for the success of Judge Green last fall, even to the extent of jeopardizing the unity of the Republican party are so passive at this juncture when an effort should be made to secure men of undoubted purity of character as our Representatives in each House?

It is a surprising fact that those who gave little or no adherence to Mr. Chamberlain last fall, have been his most faithful coadjutors in his measures of reform, while those who used the potency of his home while shouting for reform are the very ones who have by word and act, in public speech and in private groups, understood and opposed him. At the time of the reception of the inaugural message we had occasion to say in these columns, "if promises mean any thing, and the veto power is as surly exercised, as it is surely to be required before the General Assembly adjourns, then Mr. Chamberlain will receive the merited encomiums of all good citizens." How the exercise of the veto power was rendered necessary by the lack of judgement (to put it mildly) of the Legislators is as notorious as the admirable use made of it, by the Executive, at the right moment and in fitting language. In sustaining these vetoes, in making judicious appointments of officers concerned in the assessment and collection of taxes, and attempting to keep the expenditures of the State within its receipts, the Governor has not had the aid which he had every right to expect from men who were elected on the same ticket with himself, and under pledges of effecting reforms, which in some instances they have worse than neglected to redem. The names of those voting for the "lionazas", swindle, shows the difference between promise and performance on the part of these men, and will enable us to judge of the correctness of Gen. Whipper's forecast as a political prognosticator.

An Afternoon with the County Commissioners. No. 2. It must not be supposed that a cold shoulder or a deaf ear (or any other part of the human frame indicative of contemptuous neglect) is always turned towards that important criterion of the county body politic, the Road Overseers. On certain stated occasions they make a "sweep" (to borrow a term from a fascinating game) and all the fruits of the season are laid propitiatingly before them. When this sacrifice of county funds is to take place, the Road Overseers scent it from afar, and through the commissioner's office, to the no little disgust of the hungry constables, who know what this gathering means and are painfully aware that nothing will be left unconsumed with which to satisfy their own insatiable cravings. Should any R. O. be absent from the meeting he is cared for by the one to whom he owes his appointment, who makes out his bill for him, swears to the correctness for him, and just but not least draws his money for him.

The work of the matter is that in any other city from an actual manual labor on the highways considered ample compensation for the person whose duty it is to summon the road workers and supervise them while engaged in their labor, and in places that we know of in Northern States the "warner" labors with his neighbors. Here the people lose several days from their own fields, and listlessly chop grass, scratch the side of a ditch, or throw fascines into the road bed, and idle away hours that are not only a loss to themselves but an unnecessary expense to the county. There is perhaps, nothing that needs so thorough a reformation as the system of so-called road working. The commissioners should do as the law provides, meet at any point where a bridge has got to be built, and give the contract to the lowest responsible bidder. All repairs to the highways could be done by those who travel over them without costing the county one cent. We sincerely hope that Mr. Waterhouse's successor may be as good a business man for one qualification, and that when elected, he will if not already informed acquaint himself with the powers and duties appertaining to his office. At the last meeting of the Board perfect ignorance or disregard was shown for the Act which provides that "the checks of the county commissioners shall bear upon their face not only the number amount and the name of the party in whose favor they were drawn, but the nature of the claims for which they were drawn and the fiscal year in which they were contracted or incurred." It is hardly necessary to add that Mr. Waterhouse was not present, being no longer a member of the Board.

(Special dispatch to the Tribune.)

Augusta, April 27.

Mr. D. C. Wilson was unanimously elected president of the Port Royal R. R. this p. m.

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Jan. 27.

FORFEITED LANDS.

OFFICE AUDITOR BEAUFORT COUNTY, BEAUFORT, S. C., April 14, 1875.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT TAXPAYERS desiring to redeem Lands Forfeited to the State for non-payment of taxes at any time, can do so by application to this Office. Should application be made by letter, it must state in whose name the lands were forfeited.

Taxpayers feeling themselves aggrieved at the valuation of lands forfeited (on which valuation the taxes are based), can apply to the County Board of Equalization, through the County Treasurer, for a reduction of the valuation of said property, and this reduction in the valuation will also reduce the amount to be paid for a redemption. All applications to the County Board of Equalization for a Reduction of Valuation, must be accompanied by affidavits of, at least, two disinterested parties.

L. S. LANGLEY, County Auditor.

april 14-9t

ESTATE NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS holding claims against the Estate of ADAM LINK, deceased, or who may be indebted to said Estate, are hereby notified to present and prove their accounts, or make payment of such indebtedness to the undersigned, at his office in Beaufort, Beaufort County, S. C., within the period fixed by law.

H. G. JUDD, C. C. C. Qualified Administrator. Beaufort, S. C. April 14, 1875.

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Assessment for 1875.

OFFICE COUNTY AUDITOR, Beaufort, S. C., April 14, 1875.

The Act relating to the assessment of property having been amended, the assessment for the fiscal year of 1875 will commence on the

FIRST DAY OF JUNE

and continue until the 20th day of July next.

The assessment will be for

PERSONAL PROPERTY

only, but those failing to assess lands last year, or who have

SO LD OR PURCHASED

lands since the last assessment, will note said changes on their returns, together with any changes that may have taken place in the boundaries of their lands, consequent on such sale or purchase, with a statement as to whether said lands so sold or purchased is Plow, Meadow, or Wood land. This statement is necessary in

EVERY CASE

where lands have changed hands, and will save taxpayers much trouble, as well as conduce to the correctness of the official record, and greatly facilitate the payment of taxes.

EACH LAND OWNER

must answer the questions on the return as to his Post Office, in a legible hand, as this will render correspondence between this Office and taxpayers easy whenever inquiries are necessary.

THE BOUNDARIES

of every tract of land must be given this Office (where the same has not already been furnished,) so that the Auditor may know the exact locality of every piece of land in the County.

In making returns great care must be taken to have them correct, as errors in returns invariably (when not discoverable by this Office) get on the Tax Duplicates; often proving expensive to taxpayers, as well as troublesome to the Auditor.

Further notice will be given in due time.

L. S. LANGLEY, County Auditor.

april 14 6t.

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feb. 24-1yr

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Beaufort, S. C., Jan. 17, 1874.

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MUGS, etc., etc.

jan. 20-ff.

To Holders of County checks or Audited Claims, prior to Nov. 1, 1875.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, Beaufort, S. C., April 14, 1875.

In accordance with the provision of a joint resolution entitled "A joint resolution authorizing the County Commissioners of Beaufort county to levy a special tax," dated April 7th, 1873, and an act to amend the same, approved the 29th day of January A. D. 1874, sealed proposals will be received at this office from parties holding checks or audited claims contracted prior to November 1, 1873, until Wednesday the 26th day of May next, at 12 o'clock, M., at which time said bids will be opened, and the Board of County Commissioners will draw orders on the Treasurer to the amount of one thousand dollars in favor of the person or persons who shall have offered the largest per centum discount on their checks or audited claims.

Proposals must be addressed to Dr. Paul Pritchard, Chairman of the Board and endorsed "Proposals for settlement of past indebtedness of Beaufort County."

P. PRITCHARD, V. S. SCOTT, County Commissioners.

THOMAS H. WHEELER, Clerk of Board.

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